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From the National Front—Larger Fellowship

ONE OF THE most encouraging indices of the growing need for larger fellowship and the extent to which that fellowship may be developed has been manifested recently in the very fine regional meeting held in Boston at Hotel Statler on January 22. The meeting was in harmony with the great traditions which New England women have set, and demonstrated superbly the faith which our members feel in the idealism which is theirs and in the Society to which they have pledged their allegiance. Every New England state was represented by a substantial delegation. That these newly organized states should take immediate advantage of this opportunity is heartening evidence of the enthusiasm with which they have attacked the responsibilities which Delta Kappa Gamma members assume. The president of every state save two was in attendance. In both cases illness prevented their leaving home. The fellowship which was evident throughout the meeting was a fine augury of a growing oneness of spirit. That we can now look with pride upon a complete national organization is a source of tremendous satisfaction. Everywhere we look there are perceptible signs of our awakening consciousness of our responsibilities and a realization that our organization to achieve its high purposes must look forward to increasing its initiative and its scope of influence.

We know of no better way to evince the oneness of spirit which is growing throughout the country than for us to sponsor regional meetings, the kind just described, throughout the country. Is it not possible for various states to take the initiative in that direction? Would it not be feasible to combine some of the spring meetings in states which are doubtful of the wisdom of attempting a spring convention this year? There might be members who could conveniently attend meetings in nearby states if the invitation were extended and some attempt made to bring in members from the same geographical area. Regional meetings to Delta Kappa Gamma are by no means new, but we are urging upon the members throughout the country that they explore possibilities in this direction.

How Are You Using the Newscaster?

Are you making the greatest possible use of the News of Delta Kappa Gamma, which is being sent you monthly from the Office of the President? We are grateful to the many chapters and state organizations which are sending in items for the monthly issues. We have made several appeals to you to use this news sheet to the best possible advantage. If it is to be useful, in view of the present limited circulation, why not devote ten or fifteen minutes' time at each meeting of your organization to a rapid survey of the news featured in the newscasters received since the previous meeting. Each president might well appoint some member to the responsibility of making a brief talk on items which are provocative and which will serve to give members a feeling of the great scope of the organization's activities. Unless chapter and state presidents make information available to the members, the issuance of this monthly news sheet will be a futile gesture.

The National Convention

It is not too early for all of you to begin to think about the possibility of your attending the National Convention to be held in Cleveland, August 24-26, at Hotel Cleveland. We feel that in view of the fact that we were willing to forego our national meeting last year in the light of transportation emergencies, we are not doing an unpatriotic thing in having our national meeting this year. Our Convention is never an abnormally large meeting, nor does it impose any burden upon transportation facilities. We hope that it will be possible for every state to have representatives at the Convention this year. All of us need the stimulation afforded by such a meeting; all of us can profit by the exchange of ideas and by the challenge afforded by our discussions. We urge each state to investigate immediately the possibilities of sending some representatives to the National Convention in Cleveland in August.

New Research

The reception given the monograph on Better Selection of Better Teachers has been so overwhelming and so unbelievably good that, had we needed encouragement to attack our new research problem, we should have been furnished it in no uncertain fashion. We are glad to announce that the new research will follow one of the suggestions made in the concluding chapter of the current monograph and will have to do with self-evaluation of teachers. It is suggested in that monograph that, because of the overwhelming vote in favor of frequent re-evaluation of teachers, an organization like ours could render to education an inestimable service by sponsoring a widespread, voluntary use of an adequate self-evaluation sheet. We are happy to announce at this time that Miss Verna Parker of the Education Department of the University of Vermont will act as Chairman of the new Research Committee. Miss Parker has already done considerable work on a self-evaluation sheet and it probably will be printed in large quantities and circulated to our members in somewhat the same fashion as we distributed the questionnaire on better selection. We are making this announcement at this time to urge members to give Miss Parker the greatest possible support. It is understandable why we should have had only 6,000 questionnaires from our members in the last study. This was an impressive number. However, had we been more accustomed to this type of Society undertaking, undoubtedly many more of our members would have responded. This time let us be sure that we give Miss Parker our unqualified support and our enthusiastic help in whatever her committee attempts to do. Our Society can make an incalculably great contribution by engaging wholeheartedly in this new undertaking.

How Do Your Congressmen Stand?

Delta Kappa Gamma women have been engaged actively in helping to sponsor desirable legislation for women teachers in many states. They have given tremendous impetus in various ways. Their help on the Federal Aid Bill has been acknowledged on more than one occasion. We must not lose sight of the fact that although the status of women at the moment seems to be unquestionably favorable, it is not irrevocably assured. Because women have been invited into areas which they have not previously entered because of the exigencies of war does not mean that they are assured of some of the benefits for which they have been fighting for many years. It might be worth our members' time and could be productive of nothing but good for the profession as a whole if we were to investigate how our own Congressmen stand on matters pertaining to education. Some of our states still have no adequate tenure laws; many states have no feasible retirement system; many are still making discriminations against married women; many are still finding excuses to employ discriminations between men and women. How are your Congressmen standing on some of these matters that vitally affect our welfare? Delta Kappa Gamma women have an obligation and a duty in this respect.

Spring Tour

The National President is at the moment making arrangements to visit as many western and far-western states as it is possible to visit during the month of April. Through the courtesy and cooperation of the college authorities she has been able to set aside this month for visits to Delta Kappa Gamma organizations. So far definite arrangements have been made

with Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Indiana. Efforts are being made to complete an itinerary which will make the best possible use of days intervening between week-ends. We recognize the difficulty of holding meetings at times other than the end of the week; but our members, we are sure, will also realize that if this month is to be spent in the most profitable and efficient way possible, chapters and state organizations will probably have to make some rearrangement of their usual plans. We are asking, therefore, that if it is humanly possible for you to arrange for a regional meeting or a meeting of two or three chapters from nearby areas, that these meetings be scheduled at times other than week-ends in April. This is the first time that it has been possible for a national officer to make so extended a tour and we are anxious that it shall be as profitable as possible to the greatest number she can reach.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee to Determine Specifications for Figurines

At the Executive Board meeting in Chicago it was suggested that the President appoint a committee to determine specifications for the figurines which states are presenting to our collection. The Executive Secretary has been put to considerable trouble and inconvenience because of the wide variations in size and construction. For some time there has been a growing sentiment that there should be certain uniform standards if figurines are to be accepted. A motion was made and carried at the Executive Board meeting that such a committee be appointed. The following persons have agreed to serve: Miss Josephine Hargrove, Alabama, Chairman; Miss Lela Lynam, Delaware; Miss Ella Blunk, Nebraska.

Committee on Blanks and Reports

Reference to the President's Report quoted in full in the November Bulletin will recall her request that a committee be appointed to make a survey of current reports and blanks now in use among chapter, state, and national organizations "with a view to eliminating duplication, minimizing labor, and bringing about a greater efficiency and a more satisfactory type of report." The committee delegated to that task is as follows: Mrs. Dorothea Meagher, Oklahoma, Chairman; Dr. Rose Parker, Illinois; Miss Margaret White, Ohio.

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THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1944

In future, a brief summary about all Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarships for the current year will be carried in the first three issues of the Bulletin, this information appearing immediately after the Message from the National President.

There has been completed a foundation for one National scholarship, called the Annie Webb Blanton National Delta Kappa Gamma Award. Any member of Delta Kappa Gamma who can use this scholarship for post-graduate work beyond the master's degree, is eligible to receive this award. At present the award is \$1,000. The recipient may use this for a year's study in any university approved by the National Scholarship Committee. Requests for blank forms and information sheets should be sent to the National Executive Secretary, Annie Webb Blanton, 1909 Cliff St., Austin, Texas. Applications, properly filled out, with picture of the applicant, and all information required, should be in the hands of the National President, Dr. M. Margaret Stroh, Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D. C., not later than March 1, 1944. (See the report of the Scholarship Committee, November Bulletin, 1939, pp. 17-18.)

Texas has three state scholarships in the University of Texas, called, respectively, the Annie Webb Blanton, the Eula Lee Carter, and the Mamie Sue Bastian Texas Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarships. These pay the awardee \$30 per month for 8 months. Preference is given to graduate students and to those having high records in college. Texas also has two summer school state scholarships. One has been placed at the North Texas State Normal College, Denton, Texas, and is called the Cora M. Martin Texas Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship. The second summer scholarship is at the San Marcos Teachers College and is called the Sue King Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship.

Texas State Delta Kappa Gamma scholarships are open to Texas members of the sorority. Applications for blanks and other information, should be made to the Texas State President, Dean Julia Hubbell, East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas. All applications and other materials required, must be in the hands of the State president, not later than April 1, 1944. Additional summer school scholarships in the University of Texas may be awarded by vote of the 1944 state convention, if

there should be few applicants for the long-session scholarships.

The Alpha Chapter, Austin, Texas, has completed a \$1,500 foundation for a summer school scholarship in the University of Texas. The income of the \$1,500 foundation was first awarded as a scholarship in 1943. This award is called the Clara M. Parker Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship, and is open only to members of the Alpha Chapter of Texas. Applications for blanks and other materials should be made, not later than April 1, 1944, to the president of the chapter, Mrs. Dorothy Reed Peckham, 3304 Gilbert St., Austin, Texas.

The Gamma Chapter of Houston, Texas, has a summer-school scholarship in the University of Houston, open to members of that chapter; it is called the Mamie Sue Bastian Scholarship, and pays to the recipient \$60 for the summer session. Application for blanks should be made to the chapter president, Mrs. Pauline M. Crouch, 801 Redan Ave., Houston, Texas. All materials relating to the application should reach the President before May 31, 1944.

Louisiana has two foundations of \$1,500 each for summer-session scholarships. The May A. Allen Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship at Tulane University was awarded in 1943 to Miss Florence Blanchard, past president of the Rho Chapter. Because of illness after the opening of the summer session, however, Miss Blanchard was unable to use the fund then accumulated, \$50. The second scholarship, made possible in the fall of 1942, is the Grace Bordelon Agate Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship at the Louisiana State University. This scholarship was to have been granted first in the summer of 1943, but since the interest accrued was lightly less than ten dollars, and since the times were too uncertain to increase this sum by a donation from the state treasury, it was decided that this award would necessarily be delayed until the summer of 1944. Louisiana Chapter presidents are urged to advertise these scholarships for 1944 to their members. Application blanks—which may be obtained from the state president, Miss D. Vickers, Box 89, College Station, Hammond, Louisiana—should be properly filled in and mailed, with the applicant's picture, before April 15, 1944.

The M. Madilene Veverka Scholarship, summer session, University of California at Berkeley, pays one hundred dollars.

Conditions of Award—1944

1. Applicant shall have been a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma National Honor Fraternity for Women in Education for at least three years.
2. Applicant shall be a resident of California.
3. Applicant shall have an A. B. degree, or its equivalent.

4. Applicant shall have a specific problem in mind for study and research.
5. Application must be in the hands of the California State President on, or before, April 1, 1944.

For further information, write to
Mrs. J. Maria Pierce,
Box 272,
Pasadena 17, California.

(Printed application forms for this scholarship will be in the hands of each California chapter president.)

The Ohio state organization, at its recent convention, set aside a \$6,000 long session state scholarship foundation, at the State University of Ohio, and named the scholarship, the Margaret L. White Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship.

Members appear to lack information as to scholarships. Chapter presidents should take up this subject at each chapter meeting, and remind possible applicants to make their applications on time.

Report of the Auditor

Dear Dr. Stroh:

I HAVE examined the books and records of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, National Organization for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1943, the scope of checking covering primarily the accountability of the National Treasurer, Miss Berneta Minkwitz, to the National Organization.

I hereby certify that the cash receipts as shown by the records, were vouchered for by chapter reports through State Treasurers and that they were accounted for by deposits in the bank except in case of receipts of stamps, which were duly noted, and funds retained to correct errors and these were fully explained.

All disbursements were substantiated by approved vouchers except in the case of refunds and these were duly noted.

The chapter reports for the month of February, 1943, were examined in detail and I found that the division according to funds and the recording of all funds received was correct.

A record of Bulletin and supply payments has been kept in such a manner as are easily identified.

I have checked all Annual Reports of State Treasurers which have been received against the records of the National Treasurer and find that the amounts recorded agree with the amounts sent except in a few cases where chapters have sent funds direct to the National Treasurer.

Securities in the Educators' Award Fund, Scholarship Fund, and the Permanent Fund were verified by actual inspection and were found to be as follows:

Scholarship Fund	
U. S. Treasury Bonds, 43%	\$17,000.00
U. S. Treasury Bonds, 23%	8,000.00
Registered U. S. Treasury Bond, 21%	5,000.00
Defense and War Bonds, Series G, 21%	11,000.00
Total	\$41,000.00

Educators' Award Fund	
Defense and War Bonds, Series F	\$ 50.00
Defense and War Bonds, Series G, 21%	13,000.00
Total	\$13,050.00

Permanent Fund	
U. S. Treasury Bonds, 21%	\$ 2,000.00
U. S. Savings Bonds	4,000.00
War Bonds, Series G, 21%	12,000.00
Total	\$18,000.00

The amounts in savings accounts were found to be:
Scholarship Fund \$1,330.41
Permanent Fund 1,581.18

Very truly yours,

GLADYS PARKER,
Treasurer Texas Alpha
State Organization.

Better Selection of Better Teachers

IT is not often that a research study is in such great and immediate demand as soon as it is published. Doctors Butler, Jewett, and Stroh have a right to feel much gratified at the success of this, the first Delta Kappa Gamma venture into educational research. Orders have been received from a large proportion of the deans of Schools of Education in the universities of all parts of the United States, from important city and college libraries, and from foreign countries.

The bulletin is now in the second edition, and there is no lessening of orders. Headquarters' office can hardly keep up with them.

The Bulletin is printing below a review of our research bulletin, which appeared in the news notes by Mr. Robert C. Woellner in the December School Review for 1943. This is used by permission:

Better Selection of Better Teachers

"Though the current situation compels school administrators and specialists in teacher training to give immediate and primary consideration to the problem of upgrading many of the emergency teachers, the prospective teachers for postwar days must not be forgotten. What kinds of individuals should man our postwar schools is of concern now. With this in mind, a monograph, Better Selection of Better Teachers, recently off the press, is a most timely and worthy

contribution. This publication is sponsored by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society and was prepared by Vera M. Butler, of Connecticut College for Women; Ida M. Jewett, Teachers College, Columbia University; and M. Margaret Stroh, of Wilson Teachers College.

"The study presents the experiences and opinions of an impressively large number of teachers who make up the membership of this society. The final chapter is a summarization and presents a suggested program for the better selection of teachers. Among other things the chapter contributes the following:

"The careful scrutiny of all the data treated in this monograph leads us to one significant conclusion: The selection of teachers must be a continuing, dramatic, cooperative process engaged in by the public schools, the people in the community, the teacher-educating institutions, and employers. Until we convince all of the groups named of the necessity of their assuming this mutual responsibility, any program of recruitment and selection of teachers will inevitably fail before it has achieved any momentum.

"Assuming that a program of this kind may be engaged in co-operatively, it will be predicated upon (1) a mutual perception of the fact that under the pressure of war's demands education is taking on new shapes and that it can never be the same again; (2) that it involves as well an acceptance on the part of all those concerned that teachers are people capable of assuming and ready to assume their socio-civic responsibilities; (3) that it suggests a greater and more effective participation by teachers in the affairs of community life; (4) that it also implies on the other hand just as vital a degree of responsibility by the members of the community for the affairs of the school; and (5) that it involves the development of a professional solidarity the like of which we have not yet experienced."

SCHOOL REVIEW,
December, 1943.

At its recent Alpha Scholarship party, Lieutenant Marie Palmer of the WACs now stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, was the guest of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton. Lieutenant Palmer is a member of the Delta Chapter of Michigan. She was accompanied to Camp Swift by the first heavy snowfall in Texas in seven years. She was at once adopted by her Texas sisters.

A recently formed sorority for negro women teachers is called Phi Delta Kappa. Its purpose is to study the contributions of the negro race to American life.

Revision of the Constitution

ONE would have thought, from expressions of different points of dissatisfaction in the past, that an invitation to make proposals as to a revision of the Constitution would receive the response of a real avalanche of letters suggesting changes. But it seems that this idea of the Chairman was mistaken. After all, the Constitution seems to be a rather satisfactory document. There were five types of changes proposed with sufficient strength to be submitted to the Committee on the Constitution. A few other suggestions seemed to have very little backing, and will not be taken up.

The revision of the Constitution to be undertaken at the next National convention will relate to the proposals following, and no others. These are the ones for which due notice is given.

These will be open for discussion at the convention, may be amended, adopted, or rejected.

It should be remembered that these proposals are now the business of the National organization, which in our by-laws has left itself authority to act in matters of the Constitution, whenever it chooses to undertake a revision. A majority vote only, is needed to carry proposals submitted in a revision, and the vote by states, is one vote for each five active members. Neither chapters nor states are asked to pass upon these matters, but the National organization is urged to act upon them in accordance with its best judgment as to the interests of the whole organization.

1. Proposals for a better plan of financing Delta Kappa Gamma. It is proposed that the present annual \$3.00 dues be raised to \$4.00 per year. Of the dues, one-half, or \$2.00, shall belong to the chapter, one-fourth, or \$1.00, to the state, and one-fourth, or \$1.00, to the National organization. No longer shall the chapters retain all of the dues for any members.

The cost of a life membership shall be \$40.00, instead of the former fee of \$30.00, and this may be paid in 4 annual installments. This shall apply to members who have not begun paying installments on a life membership by September 1, 1944. The provision shall not be retroactive. The life scholarship fee shall remain at \$10.00. All other fees shall remain as at present. The division of initiation fees shall remain as at present, one-half to the chapter, one-fourth to the State organization, and one-fourth to the National organization.

There were no suggestions offered by states or chapters, which promised anything like adequate support. This plan was proposed by the President, and is offered as the least change that would give anything like adequate support to the states and to the National organization. It was unanimously approved by the committee on the Constitution.

Arguments for the Proposal. The Na-

tional organization cannot properly finance Delta Kappa Gamma on its present revenues. It has managed to pull along with difficulty because much of its work was a gift from officers.

(a) On Miss Blanton's resignation in the fall of 1945, a full-time well-qualified executive secretary should be employed. It will be necessary to pay a good salary to secure for this place a well-trained, competent school woman. The type of person selected is important to our future prestige and success.

(b) More space is needed for a National office. The present space will not hold the addressograph files and other filing cases needed now. A room for the secretary's office is needed. Miss Blanton uses her own bedroom for her office. Her attic and two other rooms hold the doll-trunks and surplus supplies. It is likely that within the next year, she will sell her own house and move to the country. An office down town of at least four rooms should then be used. This will probably double the monthly cost of the present office. An organization of the size and the importance of Delta Kappa Gamma ought to provide adequate office space.

(c) The National organization ought to supply to committee-chairmen a sufficient allowance to pay postage and the cost of typing committee correspondence. It cannot hope to give each chairman a secretary, but it ought to pay the cost of typing necessary correspondence, and sufficient postage.

(d) We have established a committee on research. We ought to provide for necessary expense of at least one research problem per year.

(e) The present car used to take packages to the post office is a 1932-model Chevrolet. It will probably not last longer than one more year. Some substitute must soon be provided.

(f) An increased allowance for clerical help for the President will soon become an absolute necessity. As we grow, her correspondence increases.

(g) Under our present plan of financing, a state organization, unless it is very large, has insufficient revenue to meet moderate expenses.

Neither the state nor the National organization is permitted to make assessments.

No great organization can exist and grow, without an adequate plan of financing its activities.

Delta Kappa Gamma fees have always been much less than those of most other organizations. Examples—Altrusa charges \$10.00 per year. The Federated Business and Professional Women's Club, \$7.50 per year; most sororities charge \$5.00 per month, or more.

Arguments Against. It is urged that members cannot afford the increase and will drop out.

It is probable that most of our members are earning more now than in the past. One dollar per year increase will not ruin them. It is true that they will not wish to pay an increased fee. But all will see that an increase is necessary, and we believe that nearly all will pay this rather than drop out.

Now is the time for every loyal member of Delta Kappa Gamma to rally to the support of a plan which, it is plainly to be seen, is necessary. We should not offer some inadequate substitute, but our pride should render us ready to make the small sacrifice involved.

Proposal II. Scholarship Management. A second proposal is that State or Chapter Scholarship committees be given the option of either placing a state or chapter scholarship in a state institution to be invested and cared for, or of themselves investing the state or chapter scholarship foundation and allowing the recipient to attend any school she may choose, if approved by the committee. The National Scholarship committee is now authorized to follow this plan.

Argument for the Proposal. The recipient may have begun her work in some school of her preference, and should not be required to change. States that can find only a few scholarships, do not wish to discriminate among State schools. The awardee may wish to attend a school outside the state.

Argument against the Proposal. The foundation is likely to be lost by unwise investment if not placed in charge of a state institution. The state institutions usually obtain for the foundation a larger percentage of income than a Delta Kappa Gamma Committee can get. Committees too often leave the investment entirely to the treasurer. There is too much risk in the plan proposed.

Proposal III. All Past Presidents to be Permanent Members of their Respective Executive Boards. All Past Presidents who retire from office after two or more full years of service, shall automatically become members of their respective executive boards. The organization—chapter, state, or national, shall pay one-half of the expenses of a past president's attendance at the state convention (for a state past president) or at the National convention (for a national past president) only for the first two years after her retirement from office.

Argument for this Proposal. A past president is usually extraordinarily well qualified to give valuable service on an executive board, and this plan will give her a vote whenever she can attend a board meeting or a convention. It would be one of a president's rewards for service.

Argument against this Proposal. By this plan the executive board would gradually become too large. Also a president who has become connected with

any undesirable faction, might continue as an undesirable leader of that faction. The plan would unbalance the vote of the respective states upon the National Board. A president now remains upon the Board for two years after her term of office closes.

Proposal IV. We Should Make a Distinction Between a Retired Member and a Dropped Member. A retired member shall be one who offers her resignation to her chapter or state, for good reasons, and whose resignation is formally accepted by vote of the chapter, or the state board. Such member may keep and wear her key. If in the future, she desires to be reinstated, she may be reinstated by chapter vote or by vote of the State Board, on paying her dues and fees for the current year, or if she desires to be transferred, by paying her dues and fees for the preceding year.

A dropped member is one whose name is removed from the chapter or state list for failure to pay her dues and fees for one full year, or for not attending the required number of meetings and not offering a satisfactory excuse for non-attendance, or for conduct unworthy of a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Unless such member shall have been guilty of conduct unworthy of a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, she may keep and wear her key, but she shall not have the privilege of reinstatement in Delta Kappa Gamma. If an organization deprives a member of her key, it shall pay her the price of the key.

Argument for this Proposal. It is urged that chapters often drop members because they leave without notice, and sometimes, after several years, such members apply for reinstatement, in order to be transferred. Some members ask for reinstatement, merely to apply for a scholarship. If a member is worthy of the privilege of membership, she ought to respect it sufficiently to offer a formal resignation. Members who formally resign should be distinguished from those dropped through their own negligence.

Argument against this Proposal. Negligence of members is often induced through thoughtlessness, with no intention of disrespect to Delta Kappa Gamma. If a former member desires to resume membership, should we not aid her to return?

Proposal V. Leave of Absence. At present, a chapter or a state may give a member a leave of absence for one cause only. The following change is proposed: A chapter or a state organization (in the case of state members) may give a member a leave of absence for any period of time approved by the chapter or the state, for the following causes: (1) in order that the member may study for a degree at some standard college; (2) in order that a member may serve in any branch of the armed service of the United States; (3) because of bereavement by death of a near relative; (4) because of an unusually severe and

long spell of illness or an unusually severe accident. Such leaves of absence shall be granted only by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting at which the leave is granted. The granting of a leave of absence to a member means that she is excused from attendance and from the payment of all fees, for the length of time for which the leave is granted. Her place in the chapter may not be filled.

The writer thinks the arguments for these changes are self-evident.

All of these proposals except II and III received a unanimous vote of approval from the committee on the Constitution. The second and third proposals were approved by vote of the required two-third of the committee members.

If adopted all of these provisions will go into effect immediately after the convention action.

The June issue of the Bulletin will repeat these proposals in more formal language and show the sections of the Constitution affected. The arguments, however, will not be repeated.

OUR WAR BOND PROJECT

OUR readers will, doubtless, recall the fact that the National Board declared the War Bond project completed, but instructed the treasurer to receive any further funds that had been collected for this purpose.

Accordingly, the Bulletin is printing this supplemental report, just received from the National Treasurer, Miss Berneta Minkwitz.

Contributions to the War Bond Fund Received Since the Report Published in the "November Bulletin"

Alabama	
Beta	\$19.00
Epsilon	52.00
California	
Theta	\$20.00
Upsilon	30.00
Colorado	
Zeta	\$24.00
Illinois	
Alpha Beta	\$28.00
Iowa	
State Members	\$ 2.00
Kansas	
Mu	\$27.00
Missouri	
Alpha	\$13.00
Nebraska	
Alpha	\$ 1.00
Delta	15.00
Ohio	
Xi	\$59.00
Tau	1.00
Alpha Beta	16.00
South Carolina	
Beta	\$18.75
Texas	
Beta	\$136.00
Iota	21.50
Beta Psi	10.00
Gamma Iota	24.00
Gamma Kappa	11.00

West Virginia

Alpha	\$17.00
Gamma	8.00
Total New Contributions ..\$	552.25
November Report	11,844.77

Total Collected \$12,397.02

Don't Send Checks to the Executive Secretary

THE Executive Secretary is not the receiver or the holder of our funds. Those are functions of the National Treasurer. Checks for fees should be sent by the chapter treasurer to her own State Treasurer. But all checks for the payment of supplies or of debts to the Bulletin should be sent to the National Treasurer, Miss Berneta Minkwitz, 2200 College Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

Procedure in Paying Bills for Supplies or for the "Bulletin"

1. The Executive Secretary sends the bill to the treasurer (or the president, if she has not the treasurer's address.)

2. The treasurer gets the president to approve the bill.

3. The treasurer sends the bill and the check to the National Treasurer.

4. The National Treasurer deposits the check, marks the bill Paid and sends it to the Executive Secretary.

5. The Executive Secretary records the payment, and, in case of supplies pins the receipted bill to the order.

Most troubles about bills result from failure to return the bill with the check.

Why Not Use the Right Address?

The editor has just received a news letter which arrived on the last day that it could be used for the Bulletin. It was addressed to her at Houston, Texas. Now, while she was born in Houston, that event occurred a good many years ago, and postal authorities should not be expected to remember her. Why not use the right address? Isn't an error like this rather astonishing, when the addresses of all national officers and founders are regularly carried on the second cover page of the Bulletin? Why not use them? The practice of mailing letters, haphazard, to any place one may know of in the state, may account for the material not infrequently "lost in the mail." Why aren't the letters returned to the writers? Usually the envelopes bear no return address. Sometimes the return address is illegible.

You will save time and trouble if you will write your name, street address, and chapter on the envelope of every letter to a state or national officer. If you can't write your name legibly, print it.

Questions and Answers

Question 1. When will the 1944 edition of the Constitution be out? What new provisions will it contain?

Answer. I expect to receive it in three weeks—about the first of March. It will contain all new amendments passed in the last two years. All of these have been printed in the November and January editions of the Bulletin in 1942 and 1943.

Question 2. Do you regard Delta Kappa Gamma as a democratic organization?

Answer. No, Delta Kappa Gamma is not a democratic organization. It is, very frankly, an honor society and sorority. No sorority can be democratic, because none opens its membership to all who might wish to join. We've never claimed to be democratic.

Question 3. To whom do we write for Treasurers' Account Books and Treasurers' Report forms?

Answer. Write to the National Treasurer, Miss Berneta Minkwitz, 2200 College Ave., Fort Worth, Texas. The treasurers' books are \$1.50 and the report forms, free. See the Handbook.

Question 4. To whom do presidents send lists of correct addresses and to whom do they send members' individual records?

Answer. The lists of correct addresses go to the State President, and to the National Executive Secretary, who furnishes the National President with the information that she needs. One copy of each member's Individual Record should be sent to the State President, and another copy to the National Executive Secretary. Please do not send these records to the National President.

Question 5. Where can I get a copy of the test for a School of Instruction and of the key for grading it?

Answer. These may be obtained from the National Executive Secretary.

Question 6. Why do you take so long to send transfers? Why do State Presidents sometimes transfer members to other states, when the Constitution does not authorize such action?

Answer. There are two reasons why transfers are sometimes slow of completion: (1) a member occasionally requires us to wait several months to get the information needed. (2) There are times when the Executive Secretary has to let everything else wait on the Bulletin. The days have not enough hours for her to perform all duties promptly. Possibly some State Presidents have not read the Constitution and the Handbook and do not know how their authority to make transfers is limited.

Question 7. Why do you object to postcards? Their use often saves 2 cents.

Answer. Postcards are more likely than letters to be lost in the mail. They are a nuisance to file and to find in the files. Sometimes a chapter saves 2 cents

at a greater cost in waste of an officer's time.

Question 8. How can you justify a member's taking an oath in making her initiation vows. Are members who object to this right in opposing the custom?

Answer. This custom was established to impress upon members the serious nature of the vows taken in initiation. We wished them to realize solemnly that they are expected to conform to the Delta Kappa Gamma Constitution. I am not an oracle, but I think the very few who object to the custom are not using what is usually designated as "good common sense." When we are required to swear to our statements in many types of business matters, why should anyone raise an objection to this custom in Delta Kappa Gamma initiations? Prospective members who don't like Delta Kappa Gamma ways are entirely free to decline our invitations. We never rush members or urge them to accept. In fact, most of the Founders hold the opinion that if a teacher seriously objects to any of our Delta Kappa Gamma ways, it is better for her not to join the organization. No member is valuable enough to us, for us to be expected to change our ways to conform to her opinions.

Question 9. Is it true that if a member is blackballed, she may not again be presented to a chapter until a two year period has elapsed?

Answer. There is no such national rule or provision? A chapter may make any ruling in this matter that it chooses, except that it may not rule that the name may never be presented again, as this interferes with the right of members to choose their own members. Such matters are settled by each chapter for itself, but all chapters are bound by the provisions of the Constitution.

Question 10. When Delta Kappa Gamma was first started, did you ever dream that it would become the big organization that it is at present?

Answer. I fear my dreams were very ambitious. I always saw Delta Kappa Gamma, in my mind's eye, as an international organization. But I have always been patient as to the realizations of my dreams.

Question 11. When you go out of office as Executive Secretary, won't you miss all the letters and requests that we send you now?

Answer. Yes, I shall, doubtless miss them terribly. But I am not going to sever my connection with Delta Kappa Gamma. I'll still be a National Founder, and you can still write to me. I'll have more time then to answer personal letters.

Question 12. Do you see anything childish or adolescent in our doll collection?

Answer. I most certainly do not. History shows that many noted persons have made doll collections for serious purposes. Personally, I do not understand

the attitude of mind that looks upon our collection with derision or contempt. We are using these dolls in a line of serious research which has been neglected. The doll exhibits may attract the interest which we wish the public to feel in our project. The exercise has an important place in our national programs, which are gradually becoming a little too solemn. Delta Kappa Gammas have always advocated a certain amount of frivolity, so we are not disposed to pay very much attention to criticism of this undertaking by the ultra-serious. But if they object to this, they might provide for us something more interesting.

Question 13. Why don't you pay more attention to some members' objections to news letters in the Bulletin?

Answer. The main reason is that a large majority of our members like the news letters, and I like them myself. We have nearly 20,000 members. They are not chary about telling me what they want. This fall, our members had an invitation to suggest changes in the Constitution of Delta Kappa Gamma. No one suggested changing the Constitution so as to cut out news letters entirely. We are not publishing the Bulletin for other people; we are publishing it for our own members. It ought to be representative of every phase of Delta Kappa Gamma life. Chapter activities are probably the most important phase of Delta Kappa Gamma life. If some members don't like news letters, they are not required to read them. Without them, how could we know what our chapters are doing? How could we know even the names of chapter members? Here is what one member says in a recent letter:

"We are enjoying the Bulletin so much. For it gives us a great deal of information about the other chapters throughout the United States." This was written by Miss Lilian Marshall, Beta Chapter, South Carolina.

Question 14. Are the states which have no chapters to be called "state chapters"?

Answer. Some sororities have "state chapters," but Delta Kappa Gamma uses no such term; the correct name is "state organization", applying to all states. The Constitution requires all states to have chapters as soon as they can be organized. It does not leave a state free to have chapters or not, as it may please, but issues a positive mandate on this subject. (See Article V, Section 8.) States having no chapters seldom have a normal growth, and think how much fun the members miss!

Question 15. Didn't you promise to get the Bulletin bills for subscriptions out by the first of February?

Answer. I fear it was more a wish than a pledge. I'll get them out as soon as I can, but, more likely, it will be around the first of March. I hope you'll all be as anxious to pay them as you are to get them.

Suggestions About Orders

The president gets three order blanks with each order. One is for the next order; one for her own copy of the next order. One is for her treasurer, if she desires to send the treasurer a copy.

Never send the executive secretary two copies of an order. This is a waste of order blanks and of effort.

Never figure out the cost of items, and put this at the left, where the amount of each item should be placed. Young students (university boys and girls) pack the orders. Two sets of figures are confusing to them.

Don't warn the secretary not to send you an old edition. She always sends the latest edition she has, unless you ask for an old one.

Don't order materials not on the order blank. Look in the Handbook and ascertain where to obtain such materials.

Check the original order with your own duplicate copy, before sending the original; you will be embarrassed if you reprove the secretary with sending you something you did not order, if she sends you the original copy of the order, and you find it there in your own handwriting.

When new order blanks are printed, there will be these items added:

Constitutions for New Members (no charge).

Constitutions for Present Members (15 cents each).

Until that time, don't fail to mark the Constitutions ordered "for new members," unless you desire to pay for them.

Please have all orders sent to the president or the treasurer. It is difficult to trace orders that go astray. The chapter can be ascertained from the name of either of these two officers, as the Executive Secretary keeps lists of both, and orders sent to them can be more easily traced.

For example, the post office notifies us it is holding a parcel we sent to Mrs. Mary Bland, who has moved—address unknown. We look for Mrs. Bland. She is neither a chapter president nor a treasurer. If she were one, we could find out what chapter ordered the package and write to the other officer, who has not moved.

Do not expect the Headquarters Office never to make an error. We try to correct all we make. Write to us about errors; you won't hurt our feelings, when you make a courteous correction or send a reminder.

A Toast to Beta

B is the beginning letter of Beta—it is our beginning as a group—an entity unto ourselves yet cleaving to our parent organization of Delta Kappa Gamma from which we have received the Breath of Life.

This beginning B stands for so many things. It stands first for Building. We must build for the future by plan-

ning carefully and thoughtfully as we go along from day to day.

B as in Balance—this will help us scrutinize all sides of a problem before weighing the evidence that we may arrive at wise decisions.

B as in Bravery—it takes courage to face challenging issues unafraid of where they might lead.

B stands for Beacon—that by our deeds we may shine out like a Beam of light not only in our own immediate community but even to New London and Brooklyn.

B as in Beauty—all Beta Chapter members are beautiful; if not so beautiful of face or form or figure by the glamour standards of 1943, yet surely we can all strive for beauty of character.

B as in Bread which we should break at stated intervals around our festive board throughout the year to promote good fellowship, companionship and friendship.

B stands also for Banter—it is good to make a joke and it is good to be able to take a joke—it is good fun and very good for our souls.

B as in Brevity—we should practice this B when we gather together to insure ample opportunity for everyone to voice her opinions.

And last of all, and best of all, B stands for Blessing which we hope God will bestow upon Beta Chapter in all that we do from this time forward.

ANNETTE BORG,

Beta Chapter, Connecticut.

Note. The Bulletin is printing this as a compliment to all Beta Chapters.

The Supreme Gift

Christmas time
And candles softly glowing—

If I were a Magi, out of the East,
These gifts I'd bring:
The fine gold of friendship,
The frankincense of high endeavor,
The blessed myrrh of deep content.

If I were a shepherd on a hill,
I'd like to wish for you
That now above the darkened earth
You'd hear the angel song—
The song of a star,
From afar,
Drifting down—

To bid you hold in your heart,
Like a candle flame,
The white hope
Of peace once more on earth.

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Pi Chapter,
Arcata, California.

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Rebirth of Poetry

All the faithful little poets
Say they cannot write a line;
The metre hops along very lame.
They haven't any thoughts
That poetry will make
And everything they write
Sounds the same.

But spring is on the way;
The plum trees are in bloom
And soon the ice will melt away;
When the red birds greet the dawn,
And the violets bed the bank
We shall look for poems, then,
everyday!

Audacity

She thumbed her nose at a cop, one day
A very bold thing to do!
He didn't laugh back,
But, all in a whack
He fined her a dollar or two.

What is thumbing the nose?
Was it worth two dollars?
Can one thumb one's nose at troubles?
Would it be dignified for teachers?

The Teacher

"A teacher, to measure up to all demands, must have the learning of a college president, the consecration of a clergyman, the executive talents of a financier, the humility of a deacon, and the craftiness of a Tammany politician. Must be an angel for temper, a demon for discipline, a chameleon for adaptation, a diplomat for tact, an optimist for hope, and a hero for courage; must have the wisdom of a serpent, the gentleness of a dove, the grace of God, and the patience of Job. Only the Apostle Paul could meet these requirements, and since he is a disembodied spirit, he could live on a school teacher's salary."

BEADS

Words, like jewel beads, slip through
the fingers
Of my mind, reflecting the light that
gleams,
Golden and rose, from the fire that
lingers
Always in the heart of man's glorious dreams.

MARY L. THORNTON,
Beta Chapter, Louisiana.

Materials for the November Bulletin are due in Austin, September 20, deadline September 27.

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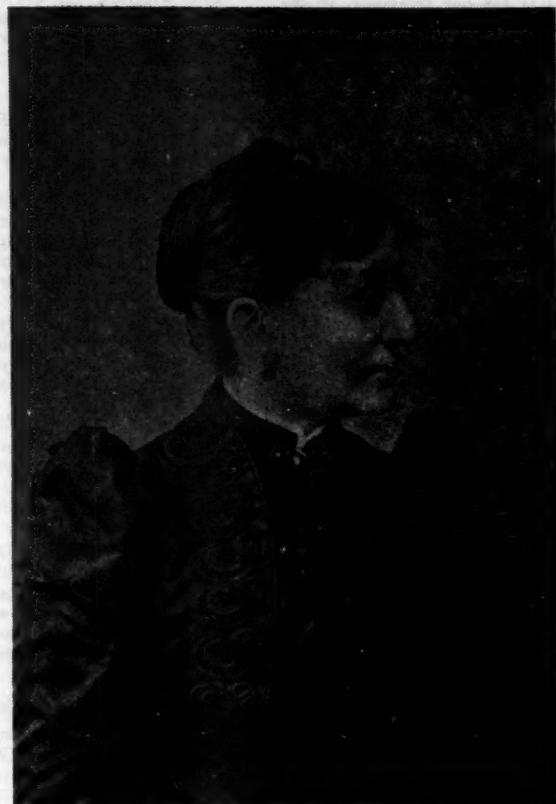
MISS ROSE C. SWART: WISCONSIN PIONEER

MISS SWART was a native of Pennsylvania. At the age of ten, she lost both of her parents. The father was from the sturdy stock of Hollanders, and the mother, from the no less keen-witted Puritans. Soon after the death of her parents she came with an older sister to Racine—a lonely stranger in a western world. The next three years she spent in school. At the age of fifteen, she began teaching in a Rural School at \$8.00 a month with board. For four years this work continued with two months' high school training at Burlington. After four years in a country school, she was invited to a graded school at East Troy to take charge of the primary department of 120 pupils at a salary of \$30.00 a month. Later she was called to Janesville to take charge of a grammar department.

Her fame had spread to Oshkosh, and President George S. Albee of the Normal School asked her to become a member of the faculty in December, 1871. He met her at the train and was much pleased that she had an *Atlantic Monthly* under her arm. She was placed in charge of the Primary department. After three years of very acceptable work, she was promoted to a chair in the Normal department in charge of geography. It was here I first met her on entrance to the Normal School, and geography took on a new meaning to me.

In 1897, the work of inspection had become too heavy for President Albee and Miss Swart was appointed to help him a half day—later she was appointed head of the supervision and practice teaching which position she held for twenty-one years. She was the only one at first but later two were added to the staff. Supervision at that time was strenuous, and there was no departmentalization. Every student was required to practice in all departments. Young men taught in the Primary department, as well as in all other grades so that they might know how to supervise all lines of teaching.

Miss Swart was the busiest person I ever knew. She rose early, dashed around the home, and then left for her daily duties. She consulted with students until school opened and then started on her daily rounds with tablet to write criticisms. She moved from class to class and left with each student her criticisms which were much prized by them and kept among their dearest possessions. All day long she kept on this round and moved rapidly through the halls. A member of the Alumni reported that he was in the hall one day as she was starting her rounds, he said, "Miss Swart, may I speak to you a



ROSE C. SWART
Wisconsin Pioneer Teacher
and Supervisor

minute?" She said, "No, I have got to go forty ways at once." He replied, "May I stand here and see you go?"

She was very close to the children and they to her. They went to her office "to talk things over" and sometimes they were sent for. They came out of the office with happy expressions on their faces—all made over if it needed to be done.

President Albee had the greatest confidence in Miss Swart and consulted her on such points as courses of study, selection of faculty members, matters of discipline. He gave her many types of work and said that, with three months' notice, he would not hesitate to turn over any line of work to her charge.

Miss Swart's activities were not limited to the Normal School. She was always busy in civic and state activities. She was very active in securing the ballot for women. She was a member

of the D.A.R. and tied up their work in teaching patriotism in the schools. She was the first woman president of the Wisconsin Teachers Association in 1897, the greatest honor that could be given.

She suggested a Woman's Building for the city which resulted in the Twentieth Century Club, a handsome structure, full of activities which she proposed and which have been carried on.

The University of Wisconsin conferred upon her the Master's Degree and invited her to become Mistress of Chadbourne Hall—a position she declined.

Miss Swart continued in service until 1922, when she had a sudden attack of appendicitis. For months she lay in the hospital with little hope of recovery. At that time she was Dean of women and teacher of English. One of her classes was made up of ex-soldiers in World War I, and they adored her.

Every week they sent her beautiful flowers until the florists said they never transported so many flowers to the hospital. Miss Swart finally recovered and got back to her home. She resigned her position, but the Regents would not accept her resignation and kept her on the pay roll for more than a year.

After she recovered, she decided to return to Honesdale—her early home in Pennsylvania. A cousin arranged in his large home, an apartment which was to be Miss Swart's for life. She remained five years, but became restless for larger activities than those of a small town and she and a sister-in-law, her homemaker, moved to Washington, D. C. An apartment in a beautiful location near Meridian Park was secured. She led a busy life there, for she entered into various activities, the A.A. U.W., and other organizations. She visited Congress often.

Miss Swart was very active in church work in the New Memorial Universalist Church, and the minister found a very valuable aid in her fertile mind and perfect English and asked her to write a paper on "St. Paul". The next year he asked her to write one on "Peter", and the third year requested one on "Mary, the mother of Jesus." She hesitated and said, "I am not like Tennyson's 'Brook', I can't 'run on forever,'" but she wrote the three papers and did much research. They were considered very valuable and are in the archives of the church.

Miss Swart's twenty-fifth anniversary was observed in 1896 by the Training School. A general invitation was extended to the people of the city to attend a reception in her honor. The children came first and presented her with a beautiful sunburst pearl pin. The president and many others spoke in highest terms of Miss Swart, and it was a happy afternoon for her. A second anniversary was in 1921 in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the Normal School. This celebration lasted several days and Alumni and prominent people of the state were present. One of the great events was the honoring of Miss Swart who was presented with a gold pin and heard many words of praise for her services in the fifty years. But the greatest anniversary was in 1929 when Miss Swart came to the dedication of the new training school building named the "Rose C. Swart Training School." Regent Edward J. Dempsey, a graduate of the Teachers' College and a prominent Oshkosh lawyer, suggested the name. Miss Swart was much pleased and came on from Washington with her sister-in-law.

The first event of this celebration was the alumni meeting of the evening before. Many of the older alumni were present, and many tributes were given her; in fact, she was presented with a beautiful silver loving cup marked "In Appreciation." The next day there was a meeting in the Little Theatre of the

Training School building. Miss Swart gave a fine speech on Education, "right up to the minute" in ideas for progress. In the afternoon the children gave an excellent entertainment. The whole building was decorated for an afternoon reception to which a general invitation was extended. Grandparents, parents, and children came to greet Miss Swart, and a happy afternoon was spent. Miss Swart came in June, remained until August, and was "dated up" for every day.

She was invited to come again in 1939, but was not able to take the trip.

Miss Swart died December 20, 1939. Had she lived until January 14, 1940, she would have been 93 years old. She never seemed to be old. Her hair kept its beautiful glossy brown; her face was smooth—her step firm, and her mind ever alert, for her interests were world wide. She seemed to exemplify the words of Robert Browning in his "Rabbi Ben Ezra"—

"Grow old along with me—
The best of life is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was
made:

Our times are in His hand
Who saith, "A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God: see
all, nor be afraid!"

The Memorial Service was in charge of the Reverend Seth R. Brooks of the Memorial Universalist Church in Washington—a part of his tribute is "A remarkable life has ended, and we have all lost a great and good friend. Rose C. Swart was a woman of unusual personality, brilliancy of mind, tremendous background, and enormous vision. Long ago I read somewhere 'Learn as though you were to live forever; live as though you were to die to-morrow.' This friend lived as though she were to live forever, and lived unafraid though death might be coming to-morrow."

JENNIE G. MARVIN,
Epsilon Chapter,
Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

HOME ECONOMICS TODAY AND YESTERDAY

By Henrietta M. Thompson,
Professor of Home Economics,
University of Alabama

HOME ECONOMICS was the name selected by that pioneer group of men and women led by Mrs. Ellen H. Richards at Lake Placid forty years ago: "home meaning the place for the shelter and nurture of children or for the development of self-sacrificing qualities and of strength to meet the world; economics meaning the management of this home on economic lines as to time and energy as well as to money."*

A study of her philosophy and her objectives indicates clearly that Mrs.

*Caroline Hunt; *The Life of Ellen H. Richards*, 1925, M. Barrow and Co.

Richards' was a faith that believed simplicity in material surroundings frees the spirit for more important and permanent interests of the home and society. She questioned emphasis upon things rather than upon fundamental values of living. She believed that the simple and less costly ways achieved family well-being. She was convinced the laws of science and the principles of economics and art applied to the problems of homemaking would simplify procedures and lighten the burden. She pointed out "if you train the young housekeeper to think, to reason, from the known facts to the unknown results, she will not only make a better housekeeper, but she will be a more contented one; she will find a field wide enough for all her abilities, a field almost unoccupied."

Lake Placid Conference

In her own report to the Lake Placid Conference, on the occasion of its tenth meeting Mrs. Richards tells of some of those first programs, "Such topics as the following are found in the programs of those early years: training of teachers of domestic science; courses of study for grade schools as well as colleges and universities; state, agricultural, evening, and vacation schools; extension teaching; rural school work; home economics in women's clubs with syllabuses to aid such study; manual training in education for citizenship. All these lead towards higher education in better living, the new science of Eugenics, as an essential preliminary to the study of the better race, a study to which Mr. Francis Galton has given the name Eugenics. From the very first special emphasis was laid on the educational possibilities of the work.

"Domestic science at farmers' institutes, simplified methods of housekeeping, standards of living in the conduct of the home and in relation to sanitary science, household industrial problems, labor saving appliances, cost of living, standards of wages and the ever irritating question of tips and fees have all been discussed.

"Programs have included the food problem in its many phases, from fads and fancies to protein metabolism and mineral matter required by the human body; nutrition, sanitation, hygiene, progress in work for public health represented by the work of the Health Education League and the Committee of One Hundred on National Health, leading to efficiency as the keynote to the 20th century.

"Economics in trade and professional schools, home economics in training schools for nurses, the hospital dietitian and the status of institution managers, recent dietary experiments at Yale University, cooperation with the work of the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, reports from the American School of Correspondence, even psychic factors affecting home economics

and cost of living have been considered." The breadth of the field visioned by this group is indicated by the range of topics discussed by them in the first few years of the twentieth century.

The American Home Economics Association

While the first of the Lake Placid conferences was held in 1899 there grew out of them on December 31, 1908, the organization of the American Home Economics Association. Those early home economists had vision, wisdom and high standards for educational planning. Many of the topics presented in those first meetings are appearing on current programs today. Home economics in training programs for nurses, the hospital dietitian, nutrition, sanitation, hygiene, courses of study, labor saving appliances, cost of living, and many of the other subjects mentioned are still demanding the attention of the homemaker and the home economist.

The Wartime Institute

At its Wartime Institute, held in June, 1943, at the University of Maryland, home economics had geared for war. To this selected group of leaders in the field came recognized authorities. A psychiatrist of note spoke on Effects of War on the Family. Fiscal Planning and the Consumer was the topic discussed by a prominent lawyer, now general counsel of the U. S. Department of the Treasury. A member of the National Resources Planning Board (now dissolved) talked on Financial Resources of Families. The chief of the labor market planning division of the War Manpower Commission, an economist of note, described The National Manpower Program. His opening comment was "Manpower embraces womanpower." Distinguished representatives talked on Family Living in their own countries of China, Norway, and Yugoslavia.

While the visiting notables were giving a broad overall view of national events and trends at general sessions, the home economists were also meeting in committees and round tables to consider such questions as: What should be the major emphasis of education in home and family living at various levels? What, if any, distinction should be made between programs for men and for women? For boys and for girls? What contributions to the solution of war and postwar problems should home economists make? What are the important wartime vocations for which home economics students should prepare themselves? How can home economists increase their effectiveness in contributing towards or developing community programs for the improvement of home and family living? How mobilize the interests, abilities and experiences of youth to improve family life? What types of association meetings would be effective for solution of war and post-war problems?

That home economics still has leaders with vision and wisdom, with high ideals and a sensitivity to social needs and trends is indicated by the report from the committee which considered What are the essentials for maintaining values in family living in wartime? And what are the wartime factors that impinge on the home? Dean Margaret Justin of Kansas State College, as chairman of the group said "the essentials for maintaining these values in home living during wartime or anytime will be found to be included in these beliefs, actions, and measures that sustain the framework of our civilization under which these values have been established. There must be a sustaining, dominant faith in democracy, a vital faith in Christian ideals, the acceptance of rights as paralleled by duties and honest standards as essential to the sense of unity that will contribute to a larger social unity.

"There must be concern with economic adequacy, with the acceptance of the responsibility that comes with each added right or privilege; there must be the development of the skills in necessary production and skills in spending; and there must be a continuing focus on the satisfactions of nonmaterial possessions of the group.

"The essentials that the community should furnish include effective education for family life for all its members; provision of ways and means of linking the family into active participation and co-operation in community affairs; and provisions of essential services, such as protection, housing, a broader educational program, recreation, and other measures directed towards cultural development."

The original membership of the American Home Economics Association was 700. Dr. Gladys Branegan, president in 1942, reported at the annual convention that about 38,000 college students were then majoring in home economics in 350 colleges; that there were about 27,000 teachers of home economics; that 2,600 extension and 2,300 Farm Security workers were serving the rural homemakers of the country; that there were more than 5,000 active dietitians; that 450 names appeared in the last directory of home economics research workers; that there were 652 qualified members in home economics in business departments; and that home economists were also serving in various social and health agencies. The membership of the AHEA was then 15,000 in addition to 2,300 student clubs. The Divisions within the Association include Family Relations and Child Development, Family Economics, Housing, Food and Nutrition, Textiles and Clothing. The professional interests represented are Colleges and Universities, Elementary and Secondary Schools, Extension Service, Home Economics in Business, Home Economics in Institutions, Homemakers,

Research, and Social Welfare and Public Health.

Feeding the Family

In 1907, Isabel Bevier at the University of Illinois was teaching her students to cook with a thermometer and was discovering the secrets of good jelly making.

Sound principles of nutrition were embodied in the early teaching though vitamins had not yet made their appearance and protein was still proteid. Green vegetables were to be cooked in small amounts of water to conserve their mineral content, and much emphasis was placed on the selection of a variety of foods in the diet.

It would be impossible to estimate the contributions to improved national health and well-being made by the nutritionists, the dietitians, the cafeteria managers, the home demonstration agents, the teachers and the research workers within the last half century. The deep concern of homemakers throughout the country for the proper feeding of their families, their eagerness to enroll in nutrition courses, their success in canning, preserving, drying, and freezing, their satisfactory administration of the family ration books has been due in large measure to the sound leadership of home economists and specialists in the field of foods and nutrition.

Clothing the Family

When Caroline Hunt said in 1901 "Clothing is useful only as a means of fitting the body to its environment and then giving it its maximum efficiency" she was making a revolutionary statement. It is difficult to realize now how reactionary it was. Functional dress easy in cut and durable of material, suitable for the homemaker in the Victory garden, for the woman worker in the bomber plant, for the farm wife milking the cows, for the laboratory worker has been designed by the Bureau of Home Economics and other home economists to meet the needs of modern women. Serviceability and suitability have primary emphasis though becomingness and good design are also given consideration.

Sweaters, blouses and shirts, the shirtwaist dress, the jumper, variations of the dirndl, the basic dress, and the suit with its several types of accessories, well-fitted low-heeled shoes are contributing to beauty, comfort, and efficiency in the modern woman's wardrobe. These were characteristics stressed by the home economist when high necks, long sleeves, tight waists, and cumbersome heavy skirts were the traditional and accepted styles for the woman in the kitchen, doing her housework, or on the tennis court.

"There is a beauty in utility and a utility in beauty" said Caroline Hunt forty-four years ago.

*Caroline L. Hunt. *Revaluations*, 1929. Waverley Press.

Probably no greater contribution has been made to the well being and ease of mind of the rural woman and her daughters, than has been the assistance of the home demonstration agent and the home economics teacher in helping them plan and make attractive becoming dresses in the current mode. Now there is no difference in the appearance of the farmer's wife when she comes to town and that of her city sister. She may have made her dress and hat but she feels smart and well groomed, and she has a sense of ease and well-being the psychological value of which is almost impossible to estimate.

Functional Furnishings

The early home economists were not only concerned with the application of science to accomplish more efficient home living, they also believed real beauty could be created in that home. In 1901 Caroline Hunt said "Happy the homemaker if she can see there are times when beautiful pictures and ornaments serve best their purpose when laid away from dust, even though that means laid away from sight."

"Only when our clothing, our homes, and our furniture are planned with direct reference to the needs, the comfort and the efficiency of the human body considered as the instrument for the expression of the inner life shall we be fully freed through our mastery of our tools."

These ideas and principles have been incorporated in home economics teaching the last forty years. Today they are accepted as part of functional home living, and endorsed by the so-called "modernists" as characteristic of current trends.

Today groups of home economists are sponsoring state legislation on housing projects and on betterment of present housing conditions. They are recommending new designs for existing equipment and working out suggestions for postwar furnishings. They are studying trends in prefabricated houses with the idea of contributing to their beauty, efficiency, and economy.

Use of Time and Money

The wise use of time and money is of pressing concern to the homemaker today. It occupied the attention of the home economist in the earliest courses of study. Closely related has been her interest in consumer problems. Dr. Paul Nystrom, eminent economist at Columbia University, said "Home economists are responsible for at least three-fourths of all the things that will eventually be considered worth while in consumer education." For 14 years the AHEA has cooperated with the American Standards Association and since 1937 with the National Consumer-Retailer Council. To business representatives in these organizations, home economists have brought both the consumer-use point of view and technical knowledge. Dr. Nystrom points out "It is the privilege as well as the

duty of home economists to assist the consuming public in making adjustments in their standard of living. . . . One of the most promising factors in our situation is the existence and strength of the home economics profession and the contributions that it will make towards helping the masses of consumers in this country to better living."

At the Wartime Institute, Dr. Benjamin Andrews of Teachers College said, "Home economists welcome postwar planning by businessmen but urge that such plans meet this test: Will they produce the essential goods that people need and distribute them at low cost so that families can secure at least a minimum tolerable standard of living?"

"Consumer research should not simply determine present buying practices, for these have given us the shocking results of a third of us ill-fed, ill-clad, ill-housed, and without medical and other needed services.

"Business should help determine the essentials for health and efficiency and produce accordingly and then adjust its advertising and sales policies to help sell American consumers into more rational living, which is also the consumption goal of home economics education."*

Home Economics Education

Home economics is an intimate part of the educational system, steadily increasing in importance and in function. Home economics teachers are in close contact with American girls at the most intensely impressionable period of their lives, teaching a subject in which these young people have a vital interest. The core curriculum and the integrated program have been accepted techniques in the home economics field long before the terms became part of the current educational pattern.

Caroline Hunt said "Progress comes when a man is sufficiently clear-headed to deduce from his own experience a correct conclusion in contradiction to the world's conclusions as expressed in custom, and is strong enough to instigate for himself a new line of procedure."†

Home economics is a mighty, new branch of applied learning—the art of living. No other field of education has, in so short a time, made such direct contributions to the well-being of the home. No other field has attempted to translate principles of art, science, economics, psychology, and technology into beauty, efficiency and health functioning in the lives of individuals and families. As those early pioneers visioned it, it has drawn freely from chemistry, biology, physics, art, economics, psychology, sociology. There is no clear cut dividing line to indicate where one subject ends and home economics begins. The main concern of home economics is im-

provement in living in the community, in the school, and in the factory, as well as in the home.

At the time of World War I Isabel Bevier, then head of home economics at the University of Illinois said, "Home economics either in peace or in war, has a chance to teach something of the beauty of life and the unity of life, to teach that there is an art in a well-ordered home and a well-ordered life; and that perhaps is the greatest thing that home economics has to do."

Home Economics Draws on Many Fields

Today there are being drawn into home economics programs specialists from many subject matter fields. The psychologist, the sociologist and the artist are on the staff of the nursery school and the family life center. The physician and the nurse contribute their services. The bacteriologist, the physiologist and the chemist are helping train young women interested in the field of foods and nutrition. The artist, the economist, the psychologist, the chemist and the physicist are usually part of a college or graduate training program in the field of clothing and textiles.

Late in the nineteenth century Mrs. Richards was saying, "The well-educated young woman of 1950 will blend art and science in a way we do not dream of; the science will steady the art and the art will give charm to science."

On the other side of the picture, the home economist is being regarded with increasing respect. The contributions she alone can make are being recognized by social agencies, physicians, educators, rehabilitation workers, and business organizations.

It has always been true the home economist could be found serving wherever her community needed her. Now, more than ever before, the Red Cross, consumer groups, nutrition programs, defense councils, war nursery schools, the P.T.A., women's organizations all turn to her for the skillful guidance, the authoritative information and effective leadership she can contribute.

In the national picture, home economists can be found wherever groups of leaders are meeting together. In the American Association of University Women, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, as well as in professional educational groups and government agencies, home economists are making the unique contribution for which their educational training and sincere interest in improved home living fits them.

Less than half a century ago Caroline Hunt said the home economist "can through co-operation with other individuals change social conditions and thus increase his own and others' freedom."

At the Wartime Institute it was pointed out that current "changes that impinge on the home, increasing the responsibilities of the community, include the mobility of population, the

*Journal of Home Economics, Sept., 1943, Vol. 35, No. 7, p. 425.

†Revaluations, Caroline L. Hunt, 1929, Waverly Press.

drafting of women by industry, the changes in living pattern, the rising rate of delinquency, the overcrowding in many areas, the shortages of goods and services, and, last but not least, the psychological stresses and strains arising from war conditions."*

In answer to the question What challenge does this give to home economists?

Dean Justin reports the answer, as valid for the home economist in war as in peace, "To make an honest and sincere reaffirmation of the fundamental values in family living; to give increased emphasis to the inherent psychological and social implications of family living in establishing a pattern for successful and satisfying human relations; and to at-

tempt a re-evaluation of our personal and professional effort to determine ways of increasing effectiveness in creating and sustaining human worth."

*Mobilizing Home Economists for the War and Postwar Years, a group of committees report, *Journal of Home Economics*, Sept., 1943, Vol. 35, No. 7, Pages 415-423.

Messages from State Presidents

ALPHA STATE TEXAS

APRIL is an important month to Texas Delta Kappa Gammas. It is the month of the State Convention, the election of state officers for the next biennium and the awarding of state scholarships.

The State Convention will be held at San Antonio with the Gunter Hotel as headquarters, on April 28-29. Have you made your hotel reservations? Friday evening is reserved for the informal gathering of members as they come in. The Executive Board meeting will be 8:00 to 10:00 Saturday morning. Although the formal Convention closes with the Saturday evening dinner and installation of officers, on Sunday morning all members are invited to a coffee to be given by Beta and Beta Tau chapters. We regret that our National President, Dr. Stroh, could not fit Texas into her April itinerary this year although she writes that she is honored that Alpha state wanted her again. We are endeavoring to pack this convention with value, interest, and entertainment. We merely hint here at the pleasurable surprises that are in the making.

The state nominating committee, Pearl Michie, chairman, will be glad to receive suggestions from members or chapters concerning their choice for state officers for the coming biennium. The entire committee is as follows: Pearl Michie, 202 Lawrence Avenue, Terrell; Mrs. Mary Doak, Lubbock; Mrs. George Waring, San Antonio; Mrs. J. R. Moechel, Houston; Mrs. Ruby Moran, Greenville; Mabel Grizzard, Waxahachie; Willie Mae Christopher, Abilene; Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, Austin.

Scholarships to the State University for the long term, and for the summer, offer honor and honoraria for those of our members who wish to further their education. Margaret Rouse of Denton received a long term award last year, Hazel Floyd of Nacogdoches received a half year's award both last spring and this spring. This year Alma Juanita Mullins is the recipient of a long term scholarship. Which of you will be so honored next year? There are several \$240 or long term awards open and several \$60 scholarships for the summer. Our summer scholarships at the University for last summer went to Mrs. Willie M. Haithcock, Plainview; Agnes

Christenberry, Ft. Worth; Hazel McCanne, San Marcos; Alice Riley, Iraan and Ellen Wright, Wichita Falls.

Scholarships will be open this summer in two teachers colleges, at North Texas, Denton; Southwest Texas, San Marcos. Mrs. Sara Parrish Boyd of Whitesboro received the North Texas award last year, the only one of the three open at the time. Any Texas member is eligible for these scholarships. I urge every member who wishes to attend summer school in any of these four institutions to consider seriously the advantage of applying for a scholarship. The long term scholarship at the University of Texas should be of even more service. Please write me at once for an application blank. The awards should be made at the State Convention.

JULIA B. HUBBELL,
State President.

BETA STATE ALABAMA

Greetings to all members of Delta Kappa Gamma:

THE Year Books sent by Chapter Presidents give evidence of careful, well-planned programs throughout the state. Under the enthusiastic and capable leadership of Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairmen, Alabama is looking forward to another great year in Delta Kappa Gamma work.

The excellent co-operation of all Chapter Presidents is making it possible for Beta State to have a State Directory this year. All members are urged to support and carry out the following recommendations approved at the State Convention:

That all possible help be given to the small chapters.

That more publicity be given to the National Scholarship.

That Regional meetings be held in all districts.

That State Committees Chairmen submit plans for their committees early in the year.

That increased emphasis be placed on our professional programs.

That a special effort be made this year to establish a State Scholarship.

The annual State Get-Together meeting during the meeting of the Alabama Education Association, will be a luncheon at the Tutwiler Hotel on Friday,

March 31. The important matter of electing and installing the new State Officers will take place. A large attendance is urged.

This year your State President has had the great pleasure of visiting the following chapters, Alpha Gamma, Beta, Eta, Chi. During the next month visits will be made to Iota, Upsilon, and Kappa Chapters.

Greetings and best wishes to all new members who have joined our ranks.

Sincerely,
JOSEPHINE E. HARGROVE,
State President.

GAMMA STATE OKLAHOMA

Delta Kappa Gamma Members:

IT seems to me that March is the transition month for members of Delta Kappa Gamma. It is the time when we look back over the previous months, consider the things which we have done to bring renewed faith in our society, and also realize the things we could and should have done to better the conditions about us.

We rejoiced in the annual reunion during our State Teachers meeting in Oklahoma City, last month. It was a pleasure to meet old friends and to make new ones. It was also heartening to know that so many members had the courage to overcome the normal obstacles to participate in the annual affair.

With much joy we welcome the members of the new chapter, Phi, which was organized at Miami, February 5, with fifteen charter members. You were so kind and encouraging with your messages of good wishes to our newest addition to our ever growing family. Echoes are in the air that there will be more soon.

The state convention will be held in Oklahoma City, on April 15, with headquarters at the Skirvin Hotel. The committees are already at work to make this one worthy of the time and effort of all those planning to be in attendance. Chapter presidents are cognizant of the fact that their annual reports are due at that time. Standing and special committee chairmen will inform us of their progress. We are looking forward to seeing one and all. We need your handclasp to warm our hearts. Nothing is so productive of good will as the opportunity of meeting together in good

fellowship. As our national president Dr. M. Margaret Stroh, has said, "There is no ceiling on good will" and she will be with us to demonstrate.

Let us remember also, that there is no rationing of Delta Kappa Gamma loyalty and spirit, that through the united efforts of all, we can bring to fruition the things which we prize.

Fraternally yours,
DOROTHEA MEAGHER.

DELTA STATE MISSOURI

Dear Members of Delta Kappa Gamma:
THE year books that have reached me show interesting programs scheduled, and much war work being done. The new officers are doing a most excellent piece of work. Congratulations to you!

The new chapter Kappa, at St. Joseph, organized on October 30, already has seven pledges to initiate in March. Committees are busily getting the machinery adjusted for a very successful year.

Delta State's newest chapter, Lambda, was organized at the Strand Hotel in Chillicothe on December 4 by the State President, Jane C. Fyfer, and State Founder, Minnie L. Irons.

After a delightful luncheon in the Victory Room a brief history of Delta Kappa Gamma was given. The initiation of the following took place:

Jessie Helen Branam, 713 Haliburton Street.
Winifred D. Cornett, (Honorary State Member), Linneus.
Mabell Cranmer, 1807 Calhoun Street, Chillicothe.
Lillian Flomerfelt, 713½ N. Main Street, Brookfield.
Oriene Flomerfelt, (Parliamentarian), 713½ N. Main Street, Brookfield.
Besides those just initiated as charter members, the following also are charter members:

Ruth Glazebrook (Treasurer), 602 E. Ninth Street, Trenton.
Grace Gusewelle, 419 Polk Street, Chillicothe.

Kate G. Johnson, (President), 504 Clay Street, Chillicothe.
Neva Lamb, (Second Vice-President), 701 Santa Fe Street, Marceline.

Harriet Meranda, (First Vice-President), 613 E. Seventh Street, Trenton.

Josephine Norville, 920 Calhoun Street, Chillicothe.

Alma Snow, 707 Brookfield Street, Brookfield.

Ica Street, (Recording Secretary), Purdin.

Doris Vaughn (Mrs.), (Corresponding Secretary), 422 Polk Street, Chillicothe.

This is election year for State officers so if it is possible there will be a State meeting in May.

Please note the name and address of our new State Treasurer, Miss Merea

Williams, Frederick Apartments, Columbia, Missouri.

We hope to finish the year with growth in chapter membership, with reports from every committee, and our programs carrying out the work prescribed by our program chairman. Your co-operation has been most excellent.

JANE C. FYFER,
State President.

EPSILON STATE LOUISIANA

A PLEASURE of the holidays was my visit to Pi for the initiation and Christmas party. The great event of the spring—the celebration of our tenth anniversary during the week of March 19—may be in progress when the Bulletin reaches you. It is hoped that on this occasion plans will materialize for local newspaper publicity, radio broadcasts, and chapter programs emphasizing the good fellowship and the service of Delta Kappa Gamma. The week should deepen every member's interest in the continued progress of our society. Appreciation is due Dr. Grace B. Agate for ably compiling the history of our decade. For brilliantly editing the issues of the Epsilon Deltion Miss Marjorie Arbour and her committee on Letters and Publications deserve our gratitude.

Perhaps you would like to know that Omega, our newest chapter, is fast growing in numbers and accomplishments.

As state officers will be elected this fall, you will be glad to have this list of the Nominating Committee: Dr. Grace B. Agate, 315 Convent Street, Lafayette, chairman; Dr. May A. Allen, Newcomb College, New Orleans; Mrs. Lilian G. McCook, 416 Jefferson Street, Natchitoches; Mrs. Ruth K. Stuart, Box 528, Pineville; and Miss Alma Levins, 2710 Edgar Street, Shreveport.

D VICKERS,
State President.

ZETA STATE MISSISSIPPI

IN spite of its silence during 1942-1943, Mississippi Delta chapter of Hattiesburg was not dormant—quite the contrary. Delta had interesting meetings at which guest speakers, Mrs. Arrington, member of the national committee on the Equal Rights Amendment, and Mrs. Koga, teacher from Hawaii, addressed the group on "The Equal Rights Amendment" and "The School Systems of Hawaii", respectively.

The outstanding meeting of the year, however, was the initiation banquet at which Miss Lillian Minor, director of one of the local U.S.O.'s and recipient of the first Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship, was the principal speaker. Misses Trugen Beard, Glyda Bethea, Sarah Agnes Minyard and Mary Pulley became members of the local chapter. At the

same time, Delta had the privilege of initiating several state members.

At the state convention, held in Meridian in April, two members from Delta served in important positions: Mrs. Gibbons (at that time Miss Mary Louise Daniel), as state president, and Miss Eleanor Leek, as secretary.

On December 3, 1943, Delta had its first meeting of the current year in the home of its president, Miss Alma Hickman, associate professor of English at Mississippi Southern College. Plans for the year's activities were discussed. The chapter's next meeting will be its annual initiation banquet on February 19. Mrs. Thomas L. Bailey, member of Delta Kappa Gamma and wife of Mississippi's governor, will be the guest speaker.

ALLIE WARD BILLINGSLEY,
Chairman, Publications.

THETA STATE NEW MEXICO

Greetings to Delta Kappa Gamma Members:

ENCOURAGING reports have come to me from our chapters. It is most gratifying to see how our membership has grown, this past year. Fewer members have been retired.

On December 22, Alpha chapter initiated ten new members. This chapter is composed of a most enthusiastic group of teachers.

The next meeting of Kappa will be held in Tularosa. Mrs. Jessie Guillen will report on Pioneer Women in Otero County. She and her committee have spent several months securing interesting and complete information on two fine, noble characters.

Let us not miss the opportunity to send items of current interest to the Monthly Newscaster.

LILLIE DENNEY,
State President.

KAPPA STATE ARKANSAS

INCLEMENT weather and an influenza epidemic have somewhat hindered the schedule of meetings many of our chapters had originally planned.

The outstanding phase of the year's work is the cooperation with other organizations and efforts to educate the public through forum meetings.

The date of the Arkansas State Convention has been changed to April 8th in order to secure Dr. Margaret Stroh as our speaker.

The Albert Pike Hotel (subject to change) will be the headquarters.

I trust that all members will make a strenuous effort to attend, as we have to secure two years' inspiration to make up for the lack of a meeting in 1943.

Cordially yours,
CLARE T. WHITE,
State President.

**MU STATE
FLORIDA**

INDICATIONS from letters and from the chapter programs which I have received are that in this the third year of the war, members of Delta Kappa Gamma are not only promoting as individuals and as groups the necessary activities in relation to the war, but are also looking toward postwar planning. In the meantime, other phases of the national program are being stressed. At this time, when, in some instances, frequent meetings cannot be held, research can well be made on Pioneer Teachers. Committees on Legislation can be active through letters and interviews; gifted members can make contributions of poetry and music—all can find some active work in addition to the primary purpose of teachers, that of guiding boys and girls through these troubled and puzzling times and of helping them make the world a better place in which to live.

Plans for our State Convention are in the making. The delegate assembly of the Florida Education Association is to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8 and 9, but it does not seem advisable to hold our meeting immediately following as teachers would be kept too long from their class rooms. I hope, however, that when the meeting is held, every chapter president, every state committee chairman, and as many chapter members as possible will be present. Aside from the election of officers, other important matters are to be considered.

It has been my pleasure to receive from Mrs. Gracie Ashmore, president of Eta chapter, copies of *America Our Own*, a song which she has written and set to music. Members of Iota chapter have been active in state and national work. Through the State Department of Education, Sara Krentzman is part-time consultant for librarians. Mrs. Dora Skipper has been for sometime Director of Extended School Services for Florida and is now Supervisor of Instruction, on loan to the State Department from the State College for Women. Boletta Frojen's work as State Supervisor of Home Economics has been extensive in the administration of the war program in relation to foods and nutrition. She has also rendered valuable services as a member of a number of national committees. Mrs. Lillian Page Hough of Delta chapter is the author of *Button, Button!* a book for children, which will be published by The Beckley-Cardy Company. Achievements of other members will be given in the June Bulletin.

Again I urge that every chapter begin planning now for participation in the State Convention.

Cordially yours,

**MARGARET W. BOUTELLE,
State President.**

**XI STATE
TENNESSEE**

Dear Sisters of Xi State:

THIS letter is written a week after your president's participation in a lovely initiation and luncheon in Chattanooga, where five additional State members were initiated along with several new Alphas. A few evenings later she was guest at a dinner and informal meeting with Theta Chapter in Clarksville where interesting activities for carrying out the society's program are brewing. A few evenings hence, Dr. Southall will be the guest speaker at a public forum jointly sponsored by Zeta Chapter in Knoxville and the local Association of Childhood Education group. Similar groups in neighboring counties are to send large delegations, many of these being guests at the reception to follow. Dr. Southall is to speak on "The Welfare of Women and Children in Time of War." Such are the direct contacts your president has had with the dynamic program of Delta Kappa Gamma in Xi State.

It is now time for each officer, committee member, and active chapter or State member, to check on her own participation in carrying out the policies and program of work of the organization. The Bulletin, the Constitution and the Handbook, and various communications sent out to chapter presidents will remind you of your personal responsibilities. Will the reports soon to come in to the State president and to the National Organization tell a story of the fruitful share you have had in carrying on during 1943 and 1944?

Your President,
MILDRED A. DAWSON.

**OMICRON STATE
ARIZONA**

IN spite of present diminished means of travel, Omicron State is working for the advancement of the ideals of our fraternity, Delta Kappa Gamma. Interest was shown in our fall meeting, held December 4th in Phoenix at the close of the delegate assembly of our Arizona Educational Association. Due to the absence of both the State President and the State Vice-President our Second Vice-President, Emma Brosam of Eta Chapter, presided. More than I can say, I regretted my enforced absence from that meeting. As you all know, a serious fall in November has kept me in bed ever since, and at the time of writing this, on the 15th of January, I am still at home and in a recumbent position most of the time. I am awaiting my doctor's verdict as to when I may hope to get back into the classroom.

Of course we all have welcomed into our group our baby chapter Theta of Greenlee and Graham Counties. You

know that Mary Price and I assisted them into membership in November and that we are justly proud of these new members. I am hoping that within a few weeks our proposed new chapter, Iota of Yuma County, will prove a reality.

Members of Omicron State, keep up your interest in the work we have to do, and bear in mind that actual service for each one of us is necessary. That is the important purpose of our organization. Without it we are useless timber, and should make way for someone who can render aid in furthering our ideals. Our spring state convention is ahead of us; be ready for the election of officers.

By the time this letter reaches you our year 1944 will have outgrown its infancy, and will be well on its way through adolescence. May it bring to our dear ones in service, progress and success in their heroic efforts toward bringing to us all victory and peace. My best wishes for you all.

Sincerely,
**IDA FLOOD DODGE,
State President.**

**RHO STATE
NEBRASKA**

IN spite of present world conditions and the accompanying handicaps, Delta Kappa Gamma in Nebraska has much to be thankful for this year. All reports from chapters indicate a gratifying increase in interest, enthusiasm, and membership.

For the second time we have been recognized by the State School Boards Association. In January we were invited to have a member of our organization at their annual meeting in Fremont. F. Ethel McAfee, Delta chapter, attended. She says, "It was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, this business of sitting in on a meeting of people who are interested in education but from an entirely different viewpoint. It surely made me feel that we must do our utmost to justify the general feeling of confidence that our patrons have in teachers." Her report will be heard at the annual state meeting.

In February the State School Boards Association and the Nebraska Congress of Parents and Teachers have called a meeting for the purpose of seeking solutions to some of the most pressing problems confronting education. They are urging us to send a representative to this meeting in Lincoln.

Plans for our state meeting in April have not been entirely completed for we are awaiting word from Dr. M. Margaret Stroh as to when and where she can stop in Nebraska on her tour to the western states. We can assure you we'll have another interesting and profitable meeting, so all members should be planning to attend.

**ELLA BLUNK,
State President.**

**SIGMA STATE
WISCONSIN**

Dear Friends:

I HOPE you are planning to be at Chippewa Falls in April. You will receive more information about our state meeting as soon as final arrangements have been completed. Don't forget to collect your White Elephants and bring them in or send them in with someone from your chapter. Remember it is for our scholarship fund.

Some chapters have not sent in a news letter. Have you forgotten?

Please send in recommendations for membership. Surely you know one or two fine people who are worthy of Delta Kappa Gamma recognition. Let us not have the verse *On Being A Founder* in the January Bulletin apply to any one of us.

Remember, please, to send any names you may have for the Necrology Committee to Mary Birr of Milwaukee. Death has called a number of our very fine members this past year.

Let us put every effort toward finishing up this biennium with marked progress in Delta Kappa Gamma.

My sincere good wishes for a happy Eastertide.

BERENICE M. CRAWFORD,
State President.

**TAU STATE
MINNESOTA**

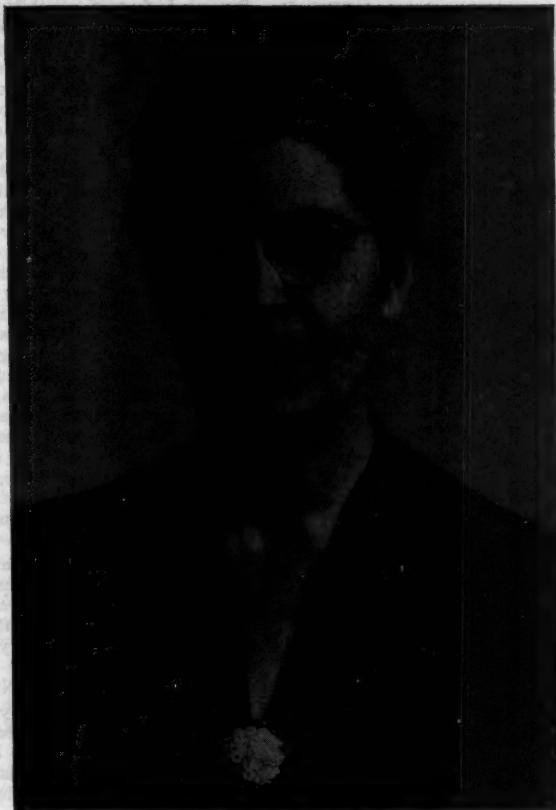
THE Minnesota State Convention, March 25, is to be held at the Hotel Lowry, St. Paul. Friday evening, March 24, the Executive Board will hold a dinner meeting at the Women's City Club. Arrangements for the Board dinner are being made by Edna Gould, president of Zeta Chapter.

Plans for the Convention itself include a business session at 9:00 Saturday morning with reports of State Committees and a panel discussion by the heads of the various sections of our state program project, "Understanding South America."

The birthday luncheon will celebrate Minnesota's eighth birthday. The afternoon meeting will include the election of state officers, and a necrology service in memory of Effie MacGregor, State Founder and first president of Alpha Chapter; Blanche Loudon, first president of Epsilon Chapter; and Elizabeth Madden who was initiated as a member of Zeta Chapter at the State Convention in March, 1943.

Initiation will be held before dinner and will be followed by installation of officers. Appropriate ceremonies will mark the Founders' dinner.

BIRDELLA M. ROSS,
State President.



MISS RUTH M. JACKSON

President Iowa State Organization,
Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa

**UPSILON STATE
IOWA**

BY the time this letter is published, Upsilon State will have twelve chapters. Our two new chapters are Lambda at Dubuque, and Mu at Sioux City. Lambda had its organization meeting on Saturday, January 15, its initiation of new chapter members on Sunday afternoon, and that followed by a formal dinner at which Miss Helen J. Kintzinger, the chapter president, presided. She welcomed the newly initiated members; I commented briefly concerning the new chapter and the State Organization's ambitions for it; Dr. Reinhardt, past national president, spoke concerning Education in a Postwar World. The chapter membership, now twenty in number, includes one honorary member, Miss Anna B. Lawther, a person prominent in Dubuque and in Iowa in educational circles, a recently retired member of the Iowa Board of

Education. I greatly appreciate having had a part in Lambda's organization.

Also I shall appreciate my visit to Sioux City for the organization festivities of Mu Chapter. (I am writing this on January 24.) Apparently Mu Chapter will have from twenty to twenty-five members. A group of State members there are making very careful plans for February 26. Our next Upsilon State letter can contain some detailed information concerning Mu.

I am hoping that chapters are sending information concerning pioneer women teachers to our program chairman, Miss Martha Currie, 1326 27th Street, Des Moines (11).

Chapter presidents will be informed by letter concerning plans for our annual spring meeting. We now (January) have some tentative plans, but nothing that can be announced today. If any members wish to make recommendations for new State members, be sure to do so very soon.

RUTH M. JACKSON,
State President.

**PHI STATE
KANSAS**

Greetings:

PHI State extends a sincere welcome to Miss Ruth Socolofsky formerly of Oklahoma, to Miss Helen Kennedy of Nebraska, and to Ensign Catherine Chapman of Texas who have been officially transferred to Kansas chapters.

Letters from chapter presidents indicate that the topic "Better Selection of Better Teachers", forms an important part in the chapter thinking. A panel on "Selecting and Recruiting Teachers" with Dr. J. W. Twente, Dean of the School of Education, University of Kansas, as leader, formed the basis of the January program in Omicron Chapter. Kappa Chapter is concerned with the publicizing of the refresher courses offered by colleges for substitute teachers as a means of maintaining standards in a wartime emergency.

The members of Phi and Kappa chapters are awaiting the treat in store for them when Miss Bertha Hensman, a British woman, formerly the head of the English Department of the Western Union of Colleges in Chung-ku, China, will speak to their respective groups. Miss Hensman is at present a member of the Chicago Faculty Exchange.

Word from Dr. Helen Marshall, national chairman of the Research Committee on Pioneer Women in Education states that Alpha Chapter has done some excellent research work. May I add the Biblical injunction, "Go thou and do likewise."

Plans are progressing for the state convention which is to be held at the Allis Hotel in Wichita, April 22, with Dr. M. Margaret Stroh as our honored guest and speaker. I trust that every member who possibly can do so will avail herself of this opportunity to meet and to hear our National President. May I urge each chapter and each state committee chairman to take inventory of the accomplishments of her committee with a view toward excellent reports for the convention.

Sincerely yours,
JENNIBELLE WATSON,
State President.

**CHI STATE
CALIFORNIA**

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA in California is in the midst of its busiest season. Committee work is at the peak of achievement, and the enthusiasm of our members runs high. You will be interested to know that reports show that we have a higher percentage of attendance at our chapter meetings this year than ever before.

That is a thrilling statement to be able to make, but such splendid attendance does bring with it the great responsibility of meeting that interest with

a stimulating program which challenges the mind, fosters sociability and quickens the spirit. Let us each ask herself two questions: "Am I doing my part to make Delta Kappa Gamma the important force in my community that it should be?" "Are my chapter meetings better because I am in attendance?" The more members who can answer these questions in the affirmative, the stronger our fraternity will be.

Right now we are seeking six members who are willing to devote time and energy to furthering the progress of Delta Kappa Gamma in California these next two years. We want women who are well-versed in the traditions and ideals of the fraternity; we need persons of vision and courage, who will study problems carefully, judge fairly, and act wisely. These paragons of perfection are to be our state officers for the next biennium! Please send your suggestions NOW to the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Miss Doris Thorneley, P. O. Box 316, Santa Cruz. You are urged, as individuals, to send in your suggestions.

Applications are now available for the M. Madilene Veverka Summer School Scholarship at the University of California at Berkeley, yielding one hundred dollars. Please see your chapter scholarship chairman for further details. Don't delay; do it NOW!

Which reminds me: Do you know we are well on the way toward completing our second scholarship—to be placed in a Southern California institution this time? Wouldn't it be perfectly marvelous if we could announce this second scholarship at our Convention in May! This is a real possibility if each chapter would put special effort into making a substantial gift to the fund before May. Will you help?

Some of you have been asking about our first state publication, "World-Wide Horizons", which is an annotated bibliography designed to serve as a guide to reading for children and young people which will broaden their understanding of the peoples and cultures of other lands. Abbie Doughty and Vera Walls have done a beautiful piece of work. It is in the hands of the printers, and is now the special worry of our state publications committee. "We hope you may have your copy soon."

We are all so delighted to know that our beloved National President will be visiting the West this Spring. We plan to give a right royal welcome to our First Lady, and are looking forward to the inspiration of her coming.

We trust that the dates of May 6 and 7 are well impressed upon your mind. You will need to make your arrangements very early for transportation to this, the climax of our Delta Kappa Gamma year. Please start NOW to make your plans to be with us.

J. MARIA PIERCE,
State President.

**PSI STATE
GEORGIA**

NOW that we are looking toward the end of the year, we need to check on what is happening in our committee work. Much remains to be done to complete the year's work and all chapters are now applying themselves seriously to the important tasks at hand for Delta Kappa Gamma in Georgia. Perhaps a few reminders will help.

Have you sponsored the raising of a special chapter gift to our Scholarship Fund? Let's make this fund grow until we can offer a substantial scholarship from our state.

Has your chapter planned a stimulating, interesting program for the year? Have you issued a yearbook? The state president would like a copy.

What has your chapter accomplished this year in the study of Pioneer Women? Will you be ready to make a report at the state meeting this spring?

Have you sent a Membership list, showing new members initiated this year, to your state chairman, your state treasurer, and your state president?

Have you made note of the date for your chapter letter to the Bulletin? Is it sent on time?

Have you sent any news from your chapter to the National Newscaster? The last day of the calendar month is the deadline for contributions to this news sheet.

State Meeting—Since this is the year to elect state officers I hope we may plan for a state meeting. Transportation is difficult, I know, but I hope every chapter will be represented. The tentative date is March 25th.

I am asking the following to serve as a nominating committee:

**Mrs. Betty Howard, Alpha Chapter,
Chairman, 812 Penn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta**

**Miss Emily Jones, Gamma Chapter,
432 University Drive, Athens
Miss Lolita Anthony, Beta Chapter,
Beeson Hall, Milledgeville**

All members are requested to send their recommendations for state officers to this Committee. Please read carefully the article in the January Bulletin on "The Work of Nominating Committees".

Please send to membership chairman, Miss Emily Jones, Gamma Chapter, your suggestions for state members. One good way to get new chapters started is to get alert, interested state members in different sections who will in turn begin to build toward a chapter.

It is hoped that we may be able to hold an initiation of state members at the time of the state meeting.

All Psi state members are happy over the election of Miss Ira Jarrell, a member of Alpha Chapter, as superintendent of Atlanta schools.

Beta Chapter members have been appointed by the President of G. S. C. W. as one of a number of special commit-

tees for study of the program of the college. The Chapter will study the program of teacher education, using as a basis the monograph, "Better Selection of Better Teachers".

My very real thanks to all members who are so earnestly carrying on during these critical days and a special greeting to all new members who have joined us this year.

MILDRED ENGLISH,
State President.

**OMEGA STATE
COLORADO**

SINCE this is written during January, it is hard to predict just what we can do about a state meeting. Last year, when we thought we could have nothing, we had an excellent board meeting with over one hundred attending, which was most gratifying. A state meeting would be ideal, but if we do not have a place to accommodate us, we should have a state board meeting and meet for a smaller group.

This year is election year. At our meeting, which will probably be in April, we should install our new officers. We are especially interested to know that the national officers are planning a westward tour. Perhaps we shall be fortunate enough to be honored by one of them at our meeting in the spring.

Many of our members have been doing very fine things. We are proud of the clean race that Miss Evelyn Irey ran for the vice presidency of the C.E.A., as we are also proud of Mrs. Nettie Freed and Dr. Grace Wilson, who now have important offices in the C.E.A.

I shall try to keep you posted as to events. Please be patient if you get late letters, for I find it almost impossible to hire typists and to get anything out on time.

Let's keep our fine educational spirit high and keep our Delta Kappa Gamma organization headed for the international spotlight, where it truly belongs. Good luck to you all.

Cordially yours,
ELIZABETH CARNEY,
State President.

**ALPHA BETA STATE
MARYLAND**

THE busy days of January and February are behind us; once again we are planning for another annual meeting. Already the committee on the Selection of the Time and Place of the State convention has been giving serious consideration to that all important question; the committee on Nominations is functioning; and the Program Committee is searching for an intriguing and dynamic speaker for the luncheon meeting. As soon as the plans have been completed, notices will be sent to all members.

The chapters have reserved the expression of their opinions on the Equal

Rights Amendment until they could carefully study the bill. When the several chapters which have reported dates for panel discussions on this subject send me their decisions, I shall transmit the collective vote to our National president. May I urge the chapter presidents to send these statements immediately following the programs, that I may perform my belated duty.

Recently there have appeared in the "Talks for Teachers" published by the Enoch Pratt Library two articles written by members of Alpha Chapter. The December issue contains "Teacher, Understand Thyself", an excellent article written by Dr. Leah K. Dice. Shortly after the issue was in circulation, several teacher organizations, as far west as California, requested copies of the publication. The January issue features a most interesting article entitled "Can the Classroom Develop Freedom with Responsibility?" The author of this is Miss M. Lucetta Sisk. My congratulations to both of these members and to Alpha Chapter.

Nothing would please me better than to have information of the publications of more of our members. Do notify our Chairman of Publications, who has initiated a circular letter to familiarize each chapter with the activities of our membership both individually and collectively.

Cordially yours,
EDITH BENDER McCLEARY,
State President.

**ALPHA GAMMA STATE
KENTUCKY**

AT last a state meeting in Kentucky seems to be a possibility. An all day meeting will be scheduled for Saturday, April 15 in Lexington following the Kentucky Education Association meeting April 13 and 14. Thus far transportation has been the deterrent factor, so this plan should make it possible for members to attend who will be in Lexington as delegates to the Kentucky Education Association. Miss Martha Shipman and Miss Louise Williamson of the University of Kentucky will be in charge of arrangements in Lexington.

As you already know the National Organization is giving us a new service through a monthly "Newscaster". Our state corresponding secretary, Miss Norma Dix Winston, Columbia, will see that news items reach Dr. Stroh not later than the last day of every calendar month. Please send items of current interest to Miss Winston or directly to Dr. Stroh.

Miss Gladys Stutler, 458 Highland Avenue, Ft. Thomas, has accepted the chairmanship of the special committee on the Pioneer Women Educators project. She will appreciate the names, with informational history, of Kentucky women who have made a definite contribu-

tion to education especially in new fields of service.

Miss Ethel Lowell, Ahrens Trade School, Louisville, has been asked to serve on the State Resolutions Committee.

In Lexington, December 4, 1943, Mrs. Herman L. Donovan, wife of the president of the University of Kentucky, was initiated as a state honorary member. Mrs. Donovan, whom most Kentucky teachers know personally, is a brilliant conversationalist, a charming hostess, and a cultured woman interested in the education of the youth of our state. Former students speak of her college Bible study classes as the richest experience of their lives. The members of Alpha Gamma State Organization are happy to have Mrs. Donovan accept their invitation to become a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

RUTH RILEY,
State President.

**ALPHA EPSILON STATE
INDIANA**

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA interest in Indiana is centered on the state convention to be held on April 29 in the Columbia Club in Indianapolis. Since we had no convention last year, it will be doubly a treat to gather again under the banner of our society. Three new chapters have been added since we held our last state meeting, and it is quite probable that others now in process of organization will be in the fold by April 29th. The fact that a considerable number of people will be coming from these new chapters to their first convention presents a challenge to members longer in the organization. Surely we must make this gathering worthy of the faith these new members have shown by joining our ranks.

Dr. M. Margaret Stroh will be with us to speak at the banquet. We regard her coming as a very great privilege for Indiana members. Dr. Stroh combines inspiration with practical suggestions, a rare combination in a public speaker.

The convention will open with a board meeting in the morning, followed by a board luncheon. The afternoon will be given to a business session, followed in the evening by an initiation and banquet.

If we can follow the plan previously made—every committee active in every chapter—we shall come to the state convention with achievements of which we can be proud and plans for the future that will bear fruit. State chairmen, chapter chairmen, chapter presidents—the success of Delta Kappa Gamma in Indiana is very largely in your hands. What will you do about it?

EDNA McGuIRE BOYD,
State President.

ALPHA ZETA STATE NEW JERSEY

DID you enjoy the luncheon at the Stacy-Trent Hotel in Trenton? It is certainly to be regretted that the members of Alpha Zeta State Organization cannot meet more frequently, but our gatherings must be limited until the end of this global conflict. Delta Kappa Gammas are endeavoring to cooperate with our government in every possible way to aid in winning this war. To travel unnecessarily either by train or car at the present time uses space in the trains which service men and defense workers need and gas which is so vital to the armed forces. Consequently, an extended program is quite impossible at the present time.

However, some of our members are becoming better acquainted. In December, Mary Finger entertained the Delta Kappa Gammas in Trenton at a delightful tea. I was truly sorry that the Convention of the National Association of Teachers of Speech prevented me from attending this very pleasant affair.

On December eleventh, it was my pleasure to attend the initiation and luncheon of Gamma Chapter at the Savoy Plaza Hotel in New York. Not one detail had been omitted to make the occasion perfect. Initiation, as always, was very impressive, and the speaker, Miss Elsa Brookfield, was most entertaining.

Our next state meeting will be the initiation and convention on May sixth at New Brunswick. Your nominating committee—Lillian Kane, Anna Nelson, and Caroline Staman—is preparing a slate to be presented at this meeting. By the way, when the members of the committee ask you for information for the new year book, please be prompt in answering the communications so that your new roster will be complete and accurate. Will you all plan to be present in May to hear the yearly reports, welcome your new members, greet your new officers, and hear Dr. Hickman, whom Blanche Riggs has invited to address you? Ada English and her committee are completing final arrangements for the convention.

You will be glad to learn that our sick members are better. At this time our sympathy goes to Laura Keller, whose father died on Christmas Day.

Greetings to every member of Alpha Zeta State!

RUTH H. THOMAS,
State President.

ALPHA THETA STATE UTAH

ALL members of Alpha Theta will be interested to know that Saturday, May 6, is the date of our State Convention at Ogden, with the Delta Chapter as hostess. Please mark this date on your calendar and keep it free for attendance at the State Convention.

We wish we could give you the details of the program at this time; but you can be assured that Marion Reed, our State Convention Chairman, with her committee and the State Officers and Committees are hard at work to make the Convention not only enjoyable, but educational and inspirational as well.

Included in the program will be reports from all Chapter Presidents and State Committees. Particular attention will be given to the reports of the Committees on Legislation, Progress, and Scholarship. All members should come prepared to take action on the proposal to combine Chapter and State Scholarship Funds, in order to make available more quickly a scholarship in Utah. Our State Music Chairman hopes to have some real inspirational singing as all Chapters are really singing this year.

Judging from reports which have reached me, Delta Kappa Gamma Chapters are very active and enthusiastic not only in the basic program of Delta Kappa Gamma, but in the additional problems chosen for special study this year—"The Role of The Teacher In The Post World War Of Nations." The Year Books are all complete; Gamma and Delta Chapters have each initiated five new members, Beta plans to initiate five on February 14; and Alpha fourteen on February 22. To all these members we extend greetings and a warm welcome to Delta Kappa Gamma.

We are looking forward to seeing you on May 6 in Ogden.

HAZEL M. PETERSON,
State President.

ALPHA IOTA STATE MICHIGAN

Dear Members of Alpha Iota State:
THE time approaches for our state convention. You probably recall the fact that the matter of whether we would meet at all along with time and place, in case that decision was in the affirmative, was left to the Executive Board.

The Board has voted to hold a convention and agreed on Lansing as the place. Since the only dates open in May at the Olds Hotel were the fifth and sixth, there was little choice as to the time.

As this is written in January, program plans are not complete. However, the Board voted to follow the same scheme that we used last year so that the program will probably run as follows:

Friday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. Dinner meeting for the Executive Board.

8:30 p.m. Initiation followed by refreshments. There will be a speaker or other program number. Eta chapter will have charge of initiation. Eta's chairman for the committee on Initiation not having been appointed as of this date, names of prospective candidates may be sent either to your State President or to the President of Eta chapter,

Miss Agnes Koster, 514 Franklin St., Grand Haven.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. Committees may wish to hold breakfast meetings and should make their own arrangements for these.

9:30 a.m. Business meeting, including reports of all state committees and chapter presidents, election of officers for 1944-45, and the White Elephant collection.

12:30 p.m. Luncheon with a program which may consist of a speaker or a panel discussion or both.

If you know of matters that should come up for consideration by the Executive Board or at the general business meeting, please communicate with me at once. If you have not already made reservations with the Hotel Olds for your room, that should be attended to. Reservations for the luncheon and for the dinner should be sent to Miss Laura Millar, 608 Grand, Lansing. Reservations for refreshments are not necessary but we need to know approximately how many will be there.

Fraternally yours,
MABELLE S. EHLLERS,
State President.

ALPHA LAMBDA STATE VERMONT

THE Massachusetts Organization invited all New England Delta Kappa Gamma members to attend their State meeting at the Hotel Statler in Boston on January 22, 1944. Because of mid-year examinations in Vermont schools that week we had only two delegates present. Mrs. Inez Harlow represented the Bellows-Falls-Brattleboro group and Professor Verna Parker who was recently appointed by Dr. Stroh to head a national research committee on Teacher Self-Evaluation went in place of the State President, who is on crutches as the result of a broken ankle.

Prof. Parker reports an interesting and stimulating meeting with more than fifty representatives of the six New England states and Dr. Stroh as the guest speaker. Especially impressive was the excellent report given by Miss Connor, State Legislative Chairman in Massachusetts, on the state and national legislation now pending which is of interest to teachers.

Dr. Stroh, as always, brought a message of inspiration, which clarified our objectives and pointed the way toward more effective organization. A new consciousness of regional solidarity promises to result from this meeting, which afforded the first opportunity for New England Delta Kappa Gamma members to become acquainted with one another and to discuss our common professional and educational problems in relation to the national program.

Miss Wellman and Miss Judd are in St. Petersburg, Florida. The rest of us are battling the snow and cold of an unusually severe winter, even for

Vermont. Our next state meeting will convene in Burlington early in March.

MARY JEAN SIMPSON,
President.

ALPHA RHO STATE OREGON

THE announcement in the January issue of the Newscaster concerning the plans of our National President, Dr. M. Margaret Stroh, to visit the Northwest has brought much pleasure to Delta Kappa Gammas in Oregon.

Our third annual state convention will be held at the Marion Hotel, in Salem, with Delta as hostess chapter.

The date of our convention previously announced by the Executive Board has been cancelled and the new date will be announced as soon as a copy of Dr. Stroh's itinerary is received.

Due to transportation problems and limited hotel facilities, it has been decided to again streamline our convention to one day. The schedule for the day includes a meeting of the Executive Board and business session in the morning; a birthday luncheon at noon; and initiation and reports of state officers and state chairmen in the afternoon.

We are asking chapter presidents to stress the importance of this conference as it terminates the work of our first three year period.

EMMA HENKLE,
State President.

ALPHA SIGMA STATE WASHINGTON

AS we come to the close of our third year as a state organization, it might be well to make an inventory of some of our assets and liabilities.

True, we have made unusual progress in membership, having now completed more than 50% of our state's quota. And we have organized fifteen chapters out of our possible twenty-two or three.

But it has been a matter of concern to me that we have not been able to have more joint chapter meetings in order to more closely unite our membership throughout the state. When transportation facilities are restored to their peace-time efficiency, it is hoped that we can become more fraternal. For it is only through united effort that we can be of any real service to our profession in solving the educational problems of the postwar world.

We have been so preoccupied with our own organization plans that we probably have neglected some of our opportunities for cooperation with other organizations working for the upbuilding of the community and its Youth.

But now that our quotas are being reached, we must guard against becoming self-centered and self-sufficient and take a definite stand for those principles which we believe to be right, thereby justifying our membership in

Delta Kappa Gamma and bringing prestige to the organization.

In reading over the programs in your Year Books, I was pleased to note the increase in member participation scheduled on these programs, for a busy member is usually an interested member.

May I again express my appreciation to those who participated on the programs at our recent series of joint chapter meetings? I was proud of you all. I'm sure all of those who had the privilege of hearing the discussions at these meetings will have a broader vision of the role the school must play in educating for peace.

Fraternally yours,
FLORENCE E. PETERSON,
State President.

ALPHA TAU STATE DELAWARE

IT is very encouraging to find greater activity in Delaware this year in the Delta Kappa Gamma Organization than in previous years. I hope we shall continue to contribute our best. May I urge you to read carefully Dr. Stroh's messages in each Bulletin. They are always a source of inspiration.

Plans for the annual convention are underway. Ours will be a very important meeting this year as new state officers will be elected. The convention will be held early in May.

The interest of Alpha Chapter in the field of Juvenile Delinquency is very commendable. The president and her committee are working hard to help solve some of the well organized agencies some of their problems with delinquents.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Bacon, a member of Alpha Chapter, has recently been elected president of the Wilmington Teachers Association. I'm sure I speak for the entire membership of Alpha Chapter, when I extend to Mrs. Bacon our congratulations and assurance of support in her undertaking this year.

We have been very fortunate in securing Dr. Ruth Cunningham to speak at a meeting in March. Her subject will be "Personal Enrichment of Teachers." An invitation will be extended to the American Association of University Women to meet with us on this occasion.

LELA A. LYNAM,
State President.

ALPHA UPSILON STATE MASSACHUSETTS

THE members of the Massachusetts State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma were joined by the members of State Organizations of the other New England States at a regional meeting, at the Hotel Statler in Boston on Saturday, January 22, 1944.

During the business meeting, in the late afternoon, the National President

of Delta Kappa Gamma, Dr. M. Margaret Stroh, our guest of honor, was asked many questions about the possibilities for service and a more intelligent participation, on our part, in the national program of our organization. Dr. Stroh answered these fully. She impressed the group with her good judgment ability.

During dinner, group singing was directed by Miss Martina McDonald. Miss Anne Cameron arranged to have Jane Thompson, one of the students from Sargent College of Physical Education, sing for us. She did this beautifully. She was accompanied by Mrs. Gladys Troupin.

After dinner, Dr. Stroh, addressed the New England members and guests on the work of Delta Kappa Gamma. During her speech her inspiration was keenly felt. She made it clear and desirable to us to be of service to women in education.

As she read the broadcast she had written to one of the invaded European countries, her audience was as deeply moved by her sincerity as by her beautiful reading.

We were challenged and enlightened by Dr. Stroh. We hope to make her know by active participation that we appreciate her willingness to lead.

Miss Katherine C. McDonnell, Assistant Superintendent of the Public Schools of Boston, welcomed Dr. Stroh and other guests to Boston.

Dr. Butler, Connecticut; Dr. Wallace, New Hampshire; Dr. Verna Parker, Vermont; Miss Statler, New Hampshire; and Miss Beaupre, Rhode Island, brought greetings to the members present from their State Organizations and welcomed Dr. Stroh to New England.

MARION D. TWISS,
President.

Ours for the Taking

For each of us there's beauty here
If we will look it's very near.
We cannot buy some things we love
For they're gifts from God above—

The glory of the rising sun
That tells us a new day's begun;
The babble of a rippling brook
When on its bank we sit and look;

A glistening snowy mountainside
Where timid creatures may not hide;
The magic of the birds in flight
Who go as silently as night;

The sunset of an autumn day
Where gorgeous colors have full sway;
A big round moon on waters cold
That makes a path of shining gold;

The picture Mother Nature weaves
In her tapestry of autumn leaves;
All these and more we have each day,
If we're in tune, along the way.

EMMA F. DAVIS,
Alpha Chapter,
Columbia, South Carolina.

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Iota Chapter, Denton

OUR chapter has manifested its interest in the war effort by working as a group in the Red Cross surgical dressing room and by investing its permanent fund in a war bond.

At the January meeting honorary members were invited, as special guests, to hear a very interesting and stimulating talk by Dr. Sam McAlister, Professor of Government at the North Texas State Teachers College on "Woman in a Changing Economy". The program for the March meeting will carry on the war theme with a talk by Dr. Elsie Jenison, Professor of Economics and Business at the Texas State College for Women on "The War and Labor". For the May meeting we are inviting the members of the Gainesville chapter, who entertained us very delightfully last year, to be with us and help us cut the birthday cake.

We feel honored that several members of our chapter are helping to direct the programs in state and national affairs. Dr. Mattie Lloyd Wooten is completing this year her biennium as president of the Denton branch of A.A.U.W. and will assume office as state president of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs next June. Dr. Ercel Eppright is serving as vice-chairman of the State Nutrition Committee, as chairman of a sub-committee on Postwar Planning, and as a member of the state committee on School Lunchrooms, set up by the Department of Education. Dr. Anna Powell is a member of the national committee on International Relations, A.A.U.W. and of the committee on Inter-American Educational Relations in Texas. Misses Myrtle and Nora Brown were guests of the Danforth Foundation last summer at the Christianity on the Campus Conference held on Lake Michigan at the camp grounds of the American Youth Foundation.

During the past year we welcomed to membership seven new members. Of these, five were transfers: Miss Kathleen Flood from Temple, Miss Georgia Corbin from McKinney, Mrs. Etta Jones Scott from Paris, Mrs. Lucy Holderness from Greenville, and Mrs. Louis Nicholas, nee Sarah Elizabeth Lacey, from Commerce. Initiated into Iota Chapter were Miss Elizabeth Hillyar of Washington, D. C., former head of the art department at the North Texas State Teachers College, as honorary member, and Miss Epsie Young as active member. We were sorry to lose Miss Young from our group this year. She is now serving as Elementary Supervisor in the schools of Orange, Texas.

We were happy to have with us last summer Mrs. Elizabeth Parrish Boyd,

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the holder of the Cora M. Martin Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship. Mrs. Boyd, a teacher in the schools of Whitesboro, was studying at the Teachers College.

Officers for the year 1943-1944 are Dr. Ola Johnston, President; Dr. Ercel Eppright, First Vice-President; Mrs. Charles P. Cobb, Second Vice-President; Miss Addie Mae Curbo, Recording Secretary; Miss Gladys McGill, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Eula McElroy, Treasurer; Mrs. Bess Wilkins, Parliamentarian.

MARY PATCHELL,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications Committee.

Lambda Chapter, Bell County

LAMBDA Chapter, under the leadership of Miss Margaret Chapman, is beginning its fifteenth year of activity. New officers installed in September include Miss Margaret E. Chapman, president; Dr. Bertha Ann Reuter, first vice-president; Mrs. Willie Dunn Payne, second vice-president; Mrs. Jewel Dickson Black, recording secretary; Miss Helen Potter, corresponding secretary; Miss Mildred Creekmore, treasurer; Mrs. Mildred Brevard Pittman, parliamentarian; Miss Myrtle Smith, historian; and Miss Margaret Black, reporter.

The first meeting featured a get-acquainted program with contests designed to introduce all members. In October, members entertained guests at a tea at the home of Miss Merle Holsapple in Temple. The November meeting had as its theme "Winning the Peace," with Mr. George H. Gentry, superintendent of Temple Schools, discussing "The Place of Education," and the Reverend M. MarYosip, Temple pastor, speaking on "The Place of Religion."

Other programs will include the initiation banquet with Mrs. H. B. Stone, charter member, giving a paper from her research on Pioneer Women Teachers of Bell County, followed by a skit, "Impersonations of Pioneer Women Teachers of Bell County," and a Delta Kappa Gamma School of Instruction, led by Miss Margaret Black.

The chapter's fourteenth birthday will be celebrated with a party in February at the home of Mrs. H. B. Stone and Miss Anabel Burford in Belton, with Miss Margaret Rouse, Lambda Chapter member now working on her doctorate, reviewing the book, "Better Selection of Better Teachers."

The March meeting will be held in Hardy Hall at Mary Hardin-Baylor College with Dr. Bernice Moore of the Hogg Foundation of the University of Texas discussing "Women, War, and Work."

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The April meeting will be an international relations program with the theme of "Developing World Understanding." Miss Anna Mae Ford will be program leader.

The final meeting will be the annual Founders' Day picnic at the Belton park, at which time members will hear reports from the state conference.

MARGARET BLACK,
Chairman, Publications and
News Letter Committee.

Xi Chapter, Williamson County

XI Chapter is pleased to announce that it will have Miss Myra Smyre of Taylor as its president again for the next term. She has counseled us wisely for two years and we are expecting still better things to come in the next biennium.

In November Mrs. R. E. Dolan, our treasurer, graciously invited us to her home for a lovely breakfast. Here we had the good fortune to hear Mrs. F. E. Holman of Taylor review "Better Selection of Better Teachers". Then for the December meetings the chapter broke into two local groups. The group near Taylor enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of the president, Miss Smyre. The group near Georgetown met for a Christmas luncheon. These local meetings save gas and tires for the members, yet they keep alive the spirit of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Just as the date comes around that this letter must go to press for the March Bulletin we are looking forward to our January meeting. Miss Leah Gregg of Austin will discuss for us "The War Has Put Us on Our Feet". And during the recreational hour our beloved founder, Miss Anna Hiss, will probably take care of our nimble feet in a round of fun playing games.

Local meetings are on our schedule in February for the discussion of Delta Kappa Gamma policies, in Georgetown under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Ferguson, and in Taylor under the direction of Mrs. Grace Garry.

"Postwar Planning" is the subject chosen by Prof. George C. Hester of Southwestern University for the March meeting. Prof. Hester is a great favorite of Xi Chapter and the year's program would not be complete without his presence at one meeting.

In April we hope to send a nice group to the state meeting in San Antonio.

On May 3, Dr. J. G. Umstadd of the University of Texas will discuss "Teacher Training" at Taylor. We know that this will be one of our most interesting meetings.

Xi Chapter members have been very busy with war activities in Williamson

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County and though we have lost a few members, we will rise and shine again carrying the torch for Delta Kappa Gamma to all with whom we come in contact.

VELMA MILLER DEISON,
Chairman of Letters
and Publications.

Omicron Chapter, Galveston County

THE following officers for the 1943-1945 term were installed at the regular meeting of Omicron Chapter: president, Mrs. Clara Wittig Moore; first vice-president, Lillian Nicholson; second vice-president, Mary Agnes Howard; treasurer, Esther Wilkerson; corresponding secretary, Helen Robb; recording secretary, Helen Ebert; and parliamentarian, Susan Crutchfield. Bessie Mae Wilson was welcomed into Omicron Chapter in October from Gamma Phi Chapter of which she was formerly president.

On December 4, several members entertained with a drive and a dinner Mrs. Edith B. Joynes from Gamma Chapter, Virginia, who was visiting in Galveston as president of the National Education Association.

A formal dinner and initiation were held at the Buccaneer Hotel on Tuesday evening, December 7. Miss Jessie Newell, dean of women at Sam Houston State Teachers' College, was guest speaker. Elsie Fowler, teacher in the Lovenberg Junior High School, and Frances McCormick, teacher in Ball High School, were initiated into active membership.

Mrs. H. McKee Andrus will review the Monograph, "Better Selection of Better Teachers," by Butler, Jewett, and Stroh at the February meeting of the chapter. The birthday party will be held on March 14. A panel discussion on "The Teacher During Time of War" will be given by Helen Robb, leader, Susie Schapper, Pauline Labit, Helen Ebert, and Mrs. Frances Kelley after a business session on April 4. The 1943-1944 program will be completed with the annual Founders' Day outing to be held on May 6.

The members of Omicron Chapter feel a great loss in the passing of two cherished friends and co-workers, Lucille M. Burke, on October 2, and our president, Mrs. Clara Wittig Moore, on January 6.

PUBLICATIONS CHAIRMAN.**Alpha Delta Chapter, Paris**

OUR chapter began its year's work with a very enjoyable picnic at the home of a past president, Mrs. Dixon Shelton. Roasting wiens over the outdoor fire place was much fun, and the meal of them with all that goes into

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such a picnic repast, left nothing to be desired. We drove to the town of Depot for our October meeting, at the lovely home of Mrs. Moore, an honorary member. After a delightful dinner of chicken spaghetti, etc., one of our gifted members, Mrs. Kennemer, gave a book review on "The Robe".

Alpha Delta was very proud to initiate five members at a dinner at the Golf Club in November. As always, this was formal, and nearly forty members enjoyed the evening, and the "dressed up" occasion. A Christmas party at the home of the president, Mrs. Morgan Alexander, was a big success, with favors, fortunes, gifts, etc. for each. A Mexican motive was carried out even to the brightly colored bag which hung from the ceiling, filled with gifts which scattered when the bag was broken.

January was a military evening, with a Lieutenant Colonel making a timely address as to teachers and their place now and in the postwar peace. Refreshments, carried out the patriotic motive, and again we had a large attendance.

February is to be a surprise meeting, and we know it will be most enjoyable. We hope to have the state President Miss Hubbell with us in Paris for our Founders' Day meeting in April, and we have a picnic and tea scheduled for later in the year.

Our members give much time to Red Cross and U.S.O. work, individually, and the chapter co-operates with all worthy calls coming through our community. We are keeping informed as to Delta Kappa Gamma through our Bulletin, and are happy to report that all dues have been paid, all fees posted to the Treasurer. It is most inspiring to the officers to see the keen interest displayed by each member in our meetings, and the friendly rivalry shown by committees, as they endeavor to make each meeting more successful than the preceding one.

We are looking forward to the State Convention in April and hope to be represented at San Antonio, and meet many members of other Texas chapters.

We might add that our attendance at each meeting has been almost perfect, and much greater than in the past. We now boast forty active members.

Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Anderson and Henderson Counties

THE Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Texas, Anderson and Henderson Counties, had its first meeting of the year in Palestine, Texas, at the Blue Moon Inn, on October 23. A program on Postwar Education was given by Mrs. Johnnie Ballard and Mrs. Homer Bradford.

We learned that two of our members had married since our last meeting. Miss Florence Robinson, past president, now Mrs. D. S. Forrest, is living at Sla-

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ten, Texas. Miss Clifford Burks is now Mrs. Tom Elrad, but is continuing membership with our chapter.

The second meeting of the chapter was held in Palestine on December 11 with a splendid Christmas program and tree. Our other meetings will be held in February, April, and May. We are indeed proud to report that our chapter is very much alive and growing. At the meeting in December there were six new members added. Those who were initiated are: Mrs. Roy Perry, Miss Lorena Baker, Mrs. Perry Travis, Mrs. Ila Alderman, Mrs. D. D. Hanks, and Mrs. Mary A. Skeet. We are looking forward to a successful year in Delta Kappa Gamma.

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS.

Alpha Theta Chapter, Guadalupe and Comal Counties

ALPHA THETA Chapter of Texas began the year's activities with a basket picnic at Starcke Park, Seguin, Friday, Sept. 10, 1943. The officers who were installed at the May meeting assumed their duties. The program plans were outlined by the following officers: Mrs. Annie Heinemeyer, President; Miss Hallie Martin, Vice-President; Miss Dora Vickers, Recording Secretary; Miss Sue S. Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Nelle C. Sparks, Treasurer; Miss Minnie Karbach, Parliamentarian.

Thursday, Dec. 2, 1943, a banquet and initiation were held at the Faust Hotel, New Braunfels. The hostesses were Mrs. Thekla Wright, Misses Lois Wray, Louise Dietz, and Lillian Penshorn. The decorations were in keeping with the holiday season. Mrs. Annie Heinemeyer was presiding officer. Miss Hallie Martin served as toastmistress. Miss Minnie Karbach said the invocation. Mrs. Thekla Wright led the group singing. Miss Esther Lou Rice, accompanist. The president introduced the guests and initiates. Miss Lucille Schleyer, pianist, played several selections. Miss Hallie Martin led a round table discussion of the theme: "The Importance of Stability Among Teachers During War". R. K. Shafer, Principal of Navarro High School; M. R. Turner, Supt. of Dowdy High School; Mrs. Annie Heinemeyer, President of the Chapter; Mesdames Willie Mae Weinert, Alice V. Bernhard and Thekla Wright contributed their views of the theme.

The attractive yearbooks, which served as plate favors, revealed the appointment of committees, the chairmen of which are as follows: Auditing, Mrs. Gertrude Bluhm; Bond, Mrs. Alice V. Bernhard; Courtesy-Necrology, Miss Sue S. Smith; Decoration, Mrs. Thekla Wright; Equal Opportunities For Women Teachers, Mrs. Willie Mae Weinert; Initiation, Mrs. Vera Schellhase; Legislation, Mrs. Nelia Owen; Letters and

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Publications, Mrs. Alice V. Bernhard; Membership, Mrs. Lillian Shafer; Nominations, Miss Mable C. Patterson; Poetry and Music, Miss Esther Lou Rice; Program, Miss Geneva Roberts; Progress of Delta Kappa Gamma, Miss Sue S. Smith; Publicity, Miss Hallie Martin; Telephone and Notification, Mrs. Vera Schellhase.

The singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song closed the program. A brief business session was in charge of the president, Mrs. Annie Heinemeyer. A \$25.00 War Bond was ordered purchased.

Mrs. Vera Schellhase presided at the initiation ceremonies when Mesdames Irene Turner, Irma Parsons, and Lorene Linne became new members. Twenty-four active and six honorary members are enrolled.

ALICE V. BERNHARD,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications.

**Alpha Lambda Chapter, Kleberg,
Kennedy and Nueces Counties**

ALPHA LAMBDA Chapter of Texas began its 1943-44 work at a combination social and business meeting at the spacious home of Mrs. Tom Brookshire, on the evening of October 27. Following the installation of new officers, the program chairman for the year presented a brief overview of the year's plans. The programs are to center about the idea of the part to be played in world affairs by the major world powers following the present war with special emphasis to be placed upon the role which education will take in those postwar affairs.

The November 25 meeting at the home of Miss Leona Mackey was highlighted by a most interesting lecture given on "South America: Some Observations" by Mrs. Walter Williams of A. and I. College, who has traveled extensively in Latin America, and songs typical of Mexico and South America, sung and played by Miss Benilde Martinez and Mrs. Henry Gomez, chapter guests.

The initiation of new members and the annual Christmas dinner were held on the evening of December 8. The initiates were Mrs. Clara Blackman, Mrs. J. E. Manning, Mrs. Elvis Gilbreath, Mrs. Maud Salyer, and Miss Ruth Smith. Chapter members and guests met in the banquet room of the Casa Ricardo Hotel at Kingsville to enjoy an evening of delicious food, good fellowship, and a delightful program of song and story on the Christmas theme.

The two subjects scheduled for the spring programs will be "Russia in the Postwar World" given by Mrs. Mae Dickens of A. and I. College, and "China: The Land of Strength" given by Miss Mary Alexander, recently returned to this country from Shanghai via the Tera Maru and Gripsholm. Miss Alex-

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ander has for the past two decades been engaged in educational and missionary work among the Chinese.

ELEANOR WILDMAN,
Chairman of Letters and
Publications Committee.

**Alpha Nu Chapter, Webb, Jim
Hogg and Zapata Counties**

IN celebration of the eleventh birthday dinner of Alpha Nu Chapter, a program on "Our Postwar World" was presented at the Plaza Hotel, Laredo, Texas, on November 11.

"Our Postwar Home" was discussed by Miss Diana Lafon, "Our Postwar Schools and Government" by Elmore Borchers, "Our Postwar Medicine and Science" by Doctor E. H. Sauvignet, and "Our Postwar Religion" by the Reverend Mr. Richard L. Heacock.

Miss Mary Frances Doss, the newly elected president, presided, and Mrs. H. G. Sorrell was in charge of the program. Mrs. Anton Deschner was initiated as an active member.

The chapter began the year's work on October 2, with a business meeting and social hour. Yearbooks were distributed, and the following officers for the 1943-45 session were introduced:

President, Miss Mary Frances Doss
First Vice-President, Mrs. Floy G.
Bennett

Second Vice-President, Mrs. Refugio
McCalib

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Thomas G.
Morris

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ruth
Chamberlain

Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Knapp

Parliamentarian, Mrs. M. M. Lindheim

Historian, Mrs. D. P. Barrow

Press Reporter, Miss Zoila de la Garza

At the December meeting Mrs. Refugio McCalib read "Without Benefit of Uniform" by Mary Hill Arbuthnot.

"The Importance of Stability Among Teachers During Time of War" by Miss Hermelinda Ochoa, "By What Standard Shall Students Be Selected for Teacher Training" by Miss Katherine F. Tarver, and "Replacement of Women in Classrooms by Returning Soldier Teachers" by Miss Ruth Green are scheduled talks for future meetings.

**Alpha Xi Chapter, Brazos and
Grimes Counties**

THE Alpha Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its first meeting of the year, December 11, 1943, in Bryan at The Oaks. The fourteen members and two guests, Dr. and Mrs. George Wilcox, were seated at an attractively decorated table and a two-course chicken dinner was served. Following the dinner, the guests assembled in the comfortable living room. Dr. Wilcox was

presented and spoke on Juvenile Delinquency.

The chapter then held its installation of officers for the coming two years, with the retiring president, Mrs. Fred L. Sloop, presiding. The following officers were installed: Miss Bess Johnson of Navasota, president; Mrs. F. A. Tardy of Bryan, vice-president; Miss Marie Wood of Anderson, recording secretary; Miss Mattie Pearl Henry of Navasota, treasurer; Mrs. Fred L. Sloop of Bryan, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Sloop, who has served the chapter as president for the past two years, was presented the official bar pin bearing the insignia of Delta Kappa Gamma with the assurance by the membership of their appreciation of her efficient service. Miss Fern Eitel of Navasota, chairman of the yearbook committee distributed attractive booklets.

The December meeting of Alpha Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was held Saturday evening, December 11, with the Navasota members as hostesses in the home of Mrs. Watts Brown. The following invited guests from the Brenham Chapter were present. Miss Tina Curtis, Mrs. C. H. Puckett, Miss M. Cotham, and Miss Joardis Park. The home was radiant with Christmas decorations and a two-course dinner was served.

Miss Bess Johnson, president, conducted the business session with Miss Marie Wood as secretary. The Christmas greetings to all Delta Kappa Gamma chapters of Texas by the president, Miss Julia B. Hubbell of Commerce, was read. Miss Johnson then presented Mrs. J. H. Allen of Anderson who gave a review of the monograph written by three outstanding Delta Kappa Gamma members: Better Selection of Better Teachers.

Each member brought a bag of fruit to be distributed to the needy. An exchange of gifts among the members was enjoyed. The presents had been placed beneath the lovely Christmas tree. Christmas carols were sung while the Christmas candles gave a softened light.

This being the eleventh anniversary of Alpha Xi Chapter, the hostesses had arranged an original birthday celebration. A birthday cake bearing lighted candles to honor our national president, Dr. Margaret M. Stroh, our founder, Miss Annie Webb Blanton, and the presidents of Alpha Xi Chapter were blown out with wishes for continued progress of the organization. After the ceremony, the cake was served with an iced drink.

MRS. DONA CARNES,
Letters and Publication
Committee.

Alpha Pi Chapter, Bowie County

THE Alpha Pi Chapter began the year's work on September 10, at the home

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of Mrs. A. A. Forrester, when the following officers were installed: Miss Lucille Kennedy, President; Miss Corinne Henderson, First Vice-President; Mrs. H. A. Musgrave, Second Vice-President; Miss Manly Maxcy, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Irene Walter, Recording Secretary; Miss Glyde Peavy, Treasurer; and Miss Opal Fay Kirkham, Parliamentarian.

During our year's work we have borne in mind the great responsibility that we as teachers share in preparing young men and women to take their places in a postwar world. In October we were keenly inspired by Mrs. E. E. Williams, as she discussed the teacher as a torch bearer of spiritual values.

Members and guests of the Alpha Pi Chapter were entertained at a formal dinner at the McCartney Hotel on December 4. The colorful decorations added to the festivity of the occasion. After dinner one of our own members, Mrs. J. T. Robison, gave a delightful and sympathetic review of Sister Margaret Kenny's book, *They Shall Walk*. On this same occasion two active members, Miss LaVonne Durham and Mrs. Delphine Lynch, and two honorary members, Mrs. A. J. Kizer and Mrs. B. B. Lawson, were initiated. The ritual was read by our gracious president, Miss Lucille Kennedy.

On February 16, members of the chapter enjoyed the annual birthday party at a coffee in the home of Mrs. J. J. Creekmore. Members honored Miss Glyde Peavy who has so faithfully filled her position as treasurer.

One of our members, Miss Mary Louise Hightower, is now a Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in the WAVES and is stationed at Miami, Florida.

Mrs. A. A. Forrester, a member of the Alpha Pi Chapter, has been named as state chairman of the committee on progress of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Members of our chapter are anticipating our meeting in May, when the members of the Beta Chapter of Texarkana, Arkansas, will meet with our chapter.

ELEANOR POLK,
Chairman of Letters
and Publications.

Alpha Omega Chapter, Port Arthur

ALPHA OMEGA Chapter of Texas had its initial meeting of the year 1943-1944 on October 28, at the Norton House, to organize the year's work. Jewel Holliman, president, presided over the meeting.

On November 20, in the home of the president, Alpha Omega had an initiation ceremony, followed by a lovely informal coffee for the following members: Pauline Bradshaw, Ruth Fergu-

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son, Viola George and Mrs. George F. Gray.

Alpha Omega joined the American Association of University Women and Women's Reading Club organizations in sponsoring a benefit charity program. Members of the reading club portrayed the characters in the book entitled "Van Loon's Lives". The proceeds from the performance were used for social service work.

Members of our chapter are continuing to give their time and effort to war work. Over 2000 hours of war work were reported from the various defense activities for last year. Members are still taking an active part in instructing First Aid classes, Surgical Dressings, Junior Red Cross, Service Men's Center and Knitting.

Recognizing our responsibilities in determining the attitudes and belief of people in a postwar world, our chapter contributed \$42.00 to the War and Peace Fund.

Kathryn Gilchrist from Nacogdoches and Elizabeth Daniel from Cisco, Texas, transferred into our chapter this year.

The chapter lost seven of its members to other chapters in Texas. They were Thelma Burger, Edna Barfield, Dora Floyd, Lorene Herndon, Addie Kennedy, Myretha Mathews, and Ethel Scott.

The chapter had the pleasure of hearing Rabbi Kline, a student of international affairs, discuss the problems and possibilities of a postwar world. The following meetings have been planned for the future: a breakfast in February, a birthday celebration in March, a professional program in April, and a business meeting in May.

BLANCHE FULLEN,
LUCILLE NEVILLE,
Letters and Publications
Committee.

Beta Alpha Chapter, Cherokee County

THE Beta Alpha Chapter of Texas has resumed "business as usual" with only a few losses from the ranks and a substantial increase in membership. Eight invitations issued, eight acceptances, and eight initiations is our record for the beginning of the fiscal year.

An informal dinner, October 21, at Rusk, was the occasion of our first get-together of the season. The central feature of the program was a panel discussion on Women Teachers in the War.

At the annual coffee held at the hospitable home of our gracious president, Miss Martha Strother, December 18, registration showed an almost one hundred per cent attendance. At this time the new members were initiated into the organization. These were: Mesdames Cora Bruce, Pearl Clarke, and Doris McLeod, Rusk; Mrs. Clarice Meador, Maydelle; Mrs. D. G. MacDonald

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and Miss Beulah Glass, West Side School, Jacksonville; Mrs. Edwin Earle and Miss Matilie Harper, Joe Wright School, Jacksonville.

A very merry Christmas and a peaceful 1944 from Beta Alpha Chapter to all members and officials of Delta Kappa Gamma everywhere.

Beta Beta Chapter, Bosque and Hamilton Counties

MEMBERS of the Beta Beta Chapter of Texas started their year of activities by accepting an invitation to a tea given by the Hillsboro Chapter on October 2. Those who attended this entertainment enjoyed a very timely program with Miss Eula Lee Carter as guest speaker, as well as a pleasant social hour with a neighbor chapter.

The first home meeting was called for October 30, when the new chapter president, Miss Hannah Hoff, took charge. After completing the business part of the meeting, members and invited guests were served a delicious luncheon.

We welcomed into our chapter a new member, Miss Bula Legg, who was initiated at a meeting held on December 8. Miss Legg is an efficient teacher of English and Speech in Clifton Junior College, and will be a decided asset to the organization.

Another big moment for Beta Beta members came on December 11, when they were among the guests entertained with a tea by the Waco Chapter, at Hamilton House. It was a beautiful forerunner of Christmas festivities.

Other meetings have been planned by the program committee and the chapter members have much to look forward to with good entertainment in the way of music and papers to add spice to the occasions.

A new member, Mrs. Lively, of Meridian, has recently been added to the Beta Beta Chapter by way of transfer. It is the desire of every member to make the work and association gained through this organization worthwhile to both Mrs. Lively and Miss Legg. The members are meeting the challenge presented by war in order that no postwar weakness shall develop.

BEST WISHES TO ALL DELTA KAPPA GAMMAS FOR A VICTORIOUS YEAR!

Beta Eta Chapter, Harris County

NINE or more new members will be initiated by Beta Eta Chapter in February, a fact which makes the members feel quite proud. This is the largest group of initiates the chapter has had since members from the Tri-Cities withdrew to form a new chapter four years ago. Lila Greene of Galena Park, our

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new president, will have charge of the initiation.

We voted to streamline our calendar this year, since many members found it impossible to get into Houston often. We are having five regular programs, and Ida Mae Meador, with the help of Inez Bouton, both of Webster, worked long hours to select program subjects which would appeal to the members. To date, we have heard discussions of "Teacher Shortages" and "New Careers for Women After the War." Future discussions will be heard on "Training for World Citizenship" and "Pioneer Women."

Two members whom we are glad to see at meetings this year are Mrs. Nina Smith of Humble, who transferred her membership to the Angelina County chapter for a while, and Mrs. Hannah Hankins of Tomball. When we find a way to get perfect attendance, we shall be glad to pass our idea around.

Our chapter was sorry to learn that Mrs. H. E. Patton's only son, who was in the air corps, died in a plane crash last summer. Mrs. Patton, former president of Beta Eta Chapter, is now with her husband at Lubbock, where Mr. Patton is an instructor in the army.

Beta Iota Chapter, Brewster, Presidio, Terrell, Jeff Davis and Reeves Counties

BETA IOTA Chapter has held two of its four scheduled meetings for the year and two special meetings in Alpine with enthusiasm and good attendance, considering the difficulties of travel in this large district. Miss Anna D. Linn, chapter president, presided at the first meeting, which was held on November 6 in the museum building of the West Texas Historical and Scientific Society. The following women were received into the Delta Kappa Gamma Society by formal initiation: Mrs. Greenleaf Fisk, Alpine, honorary member; Mrs. Elizabeth Harrell Winter, Alpine, associate member; Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Bledsoe, Buena Suerte, and Mrs. Olive Caldwell von Blucher, Alpine, active members. A delicious plate supper served by the five hostesses of the occasion to 33 members and 18 guests was followed by the program. A fine talk from the president explained the general purposes of the society and the plans for the year's work, called attention to the new yearbooks as well as to the recently published national hand book, and presented the theme of the meeting, "The Teacher in a Postwar World." Two musical numbers were charmingly rendered by the music chairman assisted by two guest artists. The members of Beta Iota took this occasion to honor the first president of the chapter, Mrs. Isabel Winter, who in 1935 aided Dr. Annie Webb Blan-

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ton in organizing some of the women teachers of this section of Texas.

Miss Linn called upon Miss Miltia Hill, a past president of the chapter, to speak for the group. Miss Hill very fittingly and beautifully paid tribute to Mrs. Winter personally and as an educator and reviewed her untiring work in the interest of women teachers. Miss Hill then requested Mrs. Winter to come forward, and Miss Linn pinned upon Mrs. Winter the president's golden Delta Kappa Gamma pin as a token of affection and esteem. The address for this first meeting was given by Dr. Clifford B. Casey, head of the History department of Sul Ross College. Taking as his subject "Better Understanding of Our Latin-American Neighbors in a Postwar World," Dr. Casey presented his clear, forceful ideas in a very thoughtful, entertaining manner and offered both teachers and others present much helpful information and many practical suggestions on this theme.

On November 29, in the Sul Ross College auditorium, Beta Iota Chapter, in collaboration with the College, the Alpine Branch of the A.A.U.W., and the Big Bend Teachers' Association, presented the Honorable Alexander Kerensky, former premier of Russia, in a stirring address on "Russia and the International Situation." The large, attentive audience, the special music, and the beautiful reception following the address attested to the enthusiasm with which the Russian statesman was received. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society was represented among the platform guests by the chapter president and among the hostesses by six active members.

Miss Julia B. Hubbell, Texas state president of Delta Kappa Gamma, made an official visit to the Beta Iota Chapter on December 9 and 10. In the absence of Miss Linn, the chapter president, Miss Irma Lee Batey, a former Beta Iota president, acted as chairman and presided at the chapter dinner honoring Miss Hubbell on Thursday evening. Mrs. Myrtle Ing Matthews and Mrs. Audrey Miller Kelly, two pledges from Fort Davis, who were unable to attend the November meeting, were initiated by the state president. After the initiation service, Miss Hubbell led an informal discussion on problems of timely and special interest to the Delta Kappa Gamma members. On Friday, Miss Hubbell visited the Sul Ross College campus and buildings and was the recipient of a number of social courtesies during the day, including a tea at Miss Stather Elliott's home. Those who were privileged to meet and hear Miss Hubbell appreciate deeply her visit to Alpine and the warmth of friendship and glow of light which her presence brought.

Another recent event in Alpine of interest to Delta Kappa Gamma members as well as to other organizations

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was the visit, through the generous endeavors of the Hogg Foundation and the U. S. Office of Education, of Dr. J. J. Osuna, Dean of the University of Puerto Rico, who spent three days in lectures and conferences on the subject of Inter-American Relations. Beta Iota Chapter was invited by Sul Ross College to assist in sponsoring Dr. Osuna's visit, particularly for his main address in the college auditorium on the evening of January 10. His messages, in line with the international studies advocated by Delta Kappa Gamma, were particularly informative and inspiring to Beta Iota members.

STATHER ELLIOTT,
Chairman of Publications Committee.

Beta Nu Chapter, Falls, Robertson and Milam Counties

BETA NU began her year with the following corps of new officers: Mrs. H. B. Roberts, president; Mrs. Annie T. Magee, first vice-president; Mrs. A. C. Dunn, second vice-president; Mrs. Paul Morse, recording secretary; Miss Harriet Somervell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Nellie Grizzard, treasurer. They were installed at the first meeting of the year on October 9, at a tea in the home of Mrs. Roberts, with Mrs. Grizzard as co-hostess. The theme of the meeting was our program. Mrs. Magee discussed it from the social viewpoint; Mrs. Grizzard from the professional standpoint and Miss Agnes Peyton from the position of teachers in a world war.

On November 5, Beta Nu's eighth birthday celebration was held in the home of Mrs. A. M. Tate, with Mrs. Dunn and Miss Frances Stowers assisting her as hostesses. Young Bert Tate lighted the candles and sang "Happy Birthday" to the club. Interesting discussions of the "Emotional Effect of War on Children and Adults" were given by Mrs. Tate and Mrs. J. M. Wilson.

We enjoyed the hospitality of Beta Chapter on December 11, when we attended the tea at the Hamilton House in Waco, Beta's birthday party.

Miss Agnes Peyton, one of our charter members and former member of Beta Beta Chapter, resigned her position as principal of Marlin Elementary School last summer, and is spending her time in doing civic and war work. Mrs. Wilson was elected to take Miss Peyton's place, and has been changed from an honorary to an active member.

Beta Phi Chapter, Tarrant County

BETA PHI Chapter got off to a good start this year with an installation luncheon at the home of Misses Grace and Myrtle Lee Thornton in Arlington and a book review by Mrs. E. E. Davis of the North Texas Agricultural College.

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Officers installed by Miss Grace Thornton for 1943-1945 were: President, Miss Josephine Doherty; First Vice-President, Miss Bess Marney; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Cordie Baker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Rosaline Ivey; Recording Secretary, Miss Grace Thornton; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Gertrude Johns. Miss Myrtle Thornton was chosen as Treasurer.

The book reviewed was one of Stephen Vincent Benet's books, and Mrs. Davis further enhanced herself in the hearts of Beta Phi members with the charming way in which she reviewed the book.

In November Beta Phi initiated four new members—outstanding teachers of our profession. They are: Miss Mildred Carter and Mrs. Lucille McKinney, John A. Kooken School, Arlington; Mrs. Mattie Coker, Grace Chapel School, Tarrant County; and Mrs. Virginia Lincoln Morgan, Handley Elementary School, Handley.

The December meeting was a lovely Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Margaret Thornton. An interesting program was given and gifts were exchanged.

Our project for the year is the adoption of a boy or girl in the armed forces who has little contact with his or her home and to do things for them that will make their stay away from home less lonely. The chapter is divided into groups and each group does things for a certain boy or girl. Something is done for each boy and girl about every month or six weeks. Letters are written oftener.

MAUD FOSTER,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications Committee.

Gamma Gamma Chapter, Upton, Reagan, Crane and Pecos Counties

GAMMA EPSILON Chapter, perhaps, made some sort of record when it convened for the first meeting of the year in Rankin, Oct. 2, 1943. Every member of the organization was present at that meeting who had been present at the last meeting held in McCamey on April 25. At a time when "change" seems to be the vogue, members of Gamma Gamma are justly proud that their chapter has remained intact.

It is with difficulty that Gamma Gamma Chapter continues its meetings this year. The membership is drawn from four of Texas' largest western counties, Pecos, Upton, Reagan, and Crane. Distance is always our greatest handicap. This is magnified in a day of rationing when transportation facilities are practically nil. Chapter members must make a real sacrifice to attend the four scheduled meetings, some members having to travel a distance of seventy-five miles. In spite of obstacles, however, the work continues to be carried on in a commendable manner.

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Thus far, two chapter meetings have been held. The Rankin members were hostesses at the Rankin High School, October 2, 1943. A program and tea followed an important business meeting, at which the chapter president, Miss Juanita Dickey, ably presided. The basement of the Baptist Church in Iraan was the scene of the second meeting, the initiation meeting, held December 4. We welcomed into Gamma Gamma Chapter four members, Miss Frankie Dossett and Miss Grace Abbott of Iraan, Miss Winnie Moore, Rankin, and Mrs. Gwen Braly of Crane. The Yearbooks and new Handbooks were distributed at this meeting. After a Christmas program, in which all the members participated, tea was served.

Gamma Gamma Chapter members are looking forward to the remaining meetings of the year, the third in Crane, February 5, and the final meeting, a Founders' Day Tea, to be held in McCamey, April 29.

MRS. BENNEDETTE WILLIAMSON,
MISS ZONA JOHNSON,
MISS FRANCIS JOHNSON,
MISS ETHEE EAGLETON,
MRS. RUTH CRASTREE,
Publications Committee.

Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Clay, Montague and Wise Counties

GAMMA EPSILON Chapter, Clay, Montague and Wise Counties, Texas, limited its meetings this year to four—exclusive of the State Convention—at which we hope to be well represented.

In October, we had a delightful meeting in the home of Mrs. Stevenson, Wichita Falls. At this time Miss Lulu Johnson and Mrs. Pope gave some unusual and interesting "sidelights" to the subjects of "Freedom from Want" and "Inflation". Mrs. Stine, past president, led the group in an enjoyable sing-song of Delta Kappa Gamma favorites.

The usual birthday party was enjoyed in December at the home of our president, Mrs. Young, Bowie. An initiation ceremony was also conducted, during which two new members were added to our chapter. They are Miss Alice McDonald, art and writing teacher in Bowie and Mrs. Ena Ikard—an honorary member, Henrietta. Christmas gifts were also exchanged at this meeting and several Christmas Carols were sung by the group.

Topics concerning "Postwar Problems," "American Women at War," and "Problems for a Free World" will be discussed at the March meeting which is to be held in Henrietta.

The May meeting will be concerned chiefly with reports from the State Convention and just visiting.

VINA HENRY,
Corresponding Secretary.

Gamma Iota Chapter, Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Parmer and Swisher Counties

WARMER fellowship, genuine inspiration, and relaxing laughter have characterized the 1943-44 meetings of Gamma Iota. Every meeting has its fun session as an appetizer for the main discussion. The theme for the year: "The Teacher, A Factor in Winning the War and Maintaining the Peace" is being carried out in three of our four meetings. "The Teacher, The Torchbearer of Spiritual Values" was ably discussed for us by the Reverend Lester B. Rickman, Plainview minister and teacher of Bible in Plainview High School. At another meeting one of our honorary members, Dr. Mabel Griffin Reavis of Plainview, spoke on "The Teacher, The Interpreter of True Democracy."

In February we have an initiation-tea at which Misses Opal Cross and Anna Lee Anderson of Silverton and Mrs. A. L. Redin of Floydada will review the monograph "Better Selection of Better Teachers." We are eagerly looking forward to our Founders' Day Luncheon in May when Dr. S. H. Condron of the West Texas State Teachers College will address members and their guests on "The Teacher, A Perpetuator of Peace."

Gamma Iota was honored when our president, Mrs. Willie Merle Haithcock, was awarded a summer scholarship to Texas University last summer. Several members spent the summer in war work; and recently Vice-President Teresa Tunnell, homemaking teacher at Kress, began serving an apprenticeship in the Army Medical Department, after which she will be commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army Medical Corps. Gamma Iota is without vice-presidents just now. Officers who are staying with their posts are Mrs. Walter Travis, Floydada, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Gladys Whitsacre, Hale Center, Recording Secretary; Miss Mattie Devin, Plainview, Treasurer; and Mrs. C. C. Welker, Tulia, Parliamentarian.

A study of neighboring chapters is being conducted by Mrs. Travis, who will bring her findings to the members. Transfers have been numerous this year, but at the initiation and birthday banquet in October, we gained seven fine members: Mrs. Jesse Cox and Mrs. J. Dee Copeland of Lockney; Mrs. Hobby Thomas, Hale Center; Mrs. A. L. Shaw, Mrs. H. G. Stinnett, Jr., Mrs. J. P. Woodward, and Mrs. Louise Simpson Joachim of Plainview. We were happy to welcome also Miss Edna Bryan and Miss Lora Mae MacFarland who transferred to us from Gamma Kappa.

Gamma Iotas extend cordial greetings to all other Delta Kappa Gammas.

FREDICE MIRES,
Chairman, Letters,
Publications.

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Gamma Nu Chapter, Goose Creek

GAMMA NU Chapter began the year's work with a business meeting and installation of officers. Mrs. George L. Keene becoming president. Other officers are Mrs. E. Q. Camp, first vice-president; Mrs. Florence King, second vice-president; Miss Ruth Bunting, recording secretary; Miss Edythe Osborne, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. E. Kirkman, treasurer; and Mrs. E. M. Simmons, parliamentarian.

Several inspiring and educational programs have been given. At the October meeting Mrs. A. F. Lockhart gave a review of "The Robe", by Lloyd C. Douglas. Dr. D. B. Harmon, psychiatrist of the State Department of Health, lectured at the November meeting on the subject "The Effects of Physical Handicaps on the Behavior of Pupils". Bobby Glenn Langham and Sidney Jewell Palmer, young local musicians, played several solos. Mrs. Bonnie Graham addressed the chapter on "The Emotional Effects of War on Children and on Adults" at the January meeting.

The March program will consist of Indian music and a paper on the contributions of Indians to our culture and our present war effort. Dr. Arvin Donner, of the University of Houston, will address us on the subject "The Teacher, A Person" at the Founders' Day program.

Mrs. Elmer Gunn, Mrs. C. H. Langford, and Mrs. A. N. Johnson were initiated at the annual Christmas meeting preceding a dinner at the San Jacinto school cafeteria, after which the group sang carols and received gifts from the tree.

Mrs. Mary Lou Burkett, from the Wichita Falls chapter, and Mrs. Lorene Carrington, from the Paris chapter, have come to us by transfer.

Gamma Chi Chapter

THE Gamma Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma enjoyed its first meeting, October 9th, in the home of the president, Mrs. Lourie Driskill. Plans for the year were made. The Federal Aid Bill for schools was discussed and the secretary was authorized to send letters to our Senators asking them to support this bill. Miss Katy King was chosen delegate to the State Convention in San Antonio, April 28th and 29th.

The second meeting was held, November 13th, in the home of Mrs. Nan Russell with Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Dan Hartt as hostesses. Mrs. Hartt gave the chapter a hearty welcome to Lovelady while Miss Katy King gave the response. "Women Teachers in War" was ably discussed by Mrs. Nan Russell. Miss Katy King gave a drill on the Greek Alphabet. After the program Miss Mary Nelms of Pennington was initiated. A pleasant social hour followed.

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Gamma Chi held its third meeting in the Homemaking Cottage, Groveton, Texas, with Mrs. Detisia Jones hostess, December 18, 1943. The theme, "Professional", was discussed by Mrs. Dan Hartt. Mrs. Ruth Maxwell reviewed the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. Panel discussions were on "Teacher Retirement" and "The National Scholarship." Miss Blanch Hension was initiated. Delightful refreshments were served by the Homemaking girls under the leadership of Miss Hension.

Plans are made for three more meetings this year. In February we shall join several chapters in a meeting at Palestine with our State President, Dean Julia Hubbell. On March 7th three new members will be initiated. At this time there will be a general discussion on "Teacher Training" led by Bertha Smith.

The Founders' Day Dinner will be a joint meeting with Gamma Psi in Crockett, May 2. Mrs. Norma Scott of Buffalo will give a report of the state convention and Miss Katy King will review "Better Selection of Better Teachers".

(MRS.) ADA MAE BRANNEN,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications Committee.

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Beta Chapter, Tuscaloosa

DR. ANNIE WEBB BLANTON was the guest of Dr. Agnes Ellen Harris at her home on the campus of the University of Alabama in November. Many courtesies were extended her while here. At one of these, a seated tea given by Beta Chapter in the Alumnae room of Doster Hall, Dr. Blanton spoke informally, her talk being full of inspiration and information. The tea was elegant in all details, Miss Emmie Donoho, Chairman of Social Affairs, being in charge.

A portrait of Dr. Agnes Ellen Harris, beloved Dean of Women at the University of Alabama, and a founder of Delta Kappa Gamma, is being given the place of honor in the Alumnae Room in Doster Hall. It is the work of a distinguished artist, Sidney Dickinson, and was sponsored by alumnae and friends of the University, who recognize and appreciate her outstanding contribution to the education of women.

Miss Fannie Schmitt's membership has been transferred from Beta to Alpha Chapter since she took over the office of School Library Consultant with headquarters in Montgomery. A detailed account of Miss Schmitt's professional training and experience appears elsewhere in this issue of "The Bulletin".

Delta Kappa Gamma held an area meeting on the campus of the University of Alabama last June. Miss Josephine Hargrove, State president, attended, and so did the members of her executive board, their meeting being so

calendared as to make their presence at the annual luncheon possible. Miss Henrietta Thompson, presided, and many members of state wide interest and importance were in attendance.

Beta Chapter was represented at the National Convention in Chicago by Miss Henrietta Thompson, retiring president.

A project emphasizing the increased use of cotton, undertaken by the department of textiles and clothing, of which Miss Henrietta Thompson is head, has been approved by the University of Alabama Research Committee.

The effective work of Miss Sue McLeod as local chairman of Teacher Welfare was recognized in her appointment as regional chairman of this same committee, and in her invitation to attend a meeting in that connection held at state headquarters in Montgomery.

Red roses used to decorate the parlors of the McLester Hotel where the first meeting of 1943-44 was held, were grown in the school gardens of the Northport Elementary School, of which Mrs. Nellie D. Reynolds, newly installed president of Beta Chapter, is the efficient principal. The roses were specimen type, and reflected credit on the skill of Mrs. Reynolds and the youthful gardeners who assisted her.

The following new members were initiated and royally welcomed into Beta Chapter at a recent meeting: Mrs. Martha Dominick Adams, Mrs. Dixie Johnson, Mrs. James F. Beeson, active, and Mrs. Ida Davis Yeuell, honorary. The initiation was followed by an interesting and inspiring address by Dr. Agnes Ellen Harris on "The Purposes and Progress of Delta Kappa Gamma".

CLARA L. VERNER,
Chairman of Letters
and Publications.

Miss Fannie Schmitt

MISS FANNIE SCHMITT, of Beta Chapter, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, has accepted the position of School Library Consultant with the Alabama State Department of Education, with headquarters in Montgomery.

Miss Schmitt is a native of Alabama. She has both her bachelor's and her master's degrees from the University of Alabama, and a Certificate in Library Science from Peabody College.

After graduation Miss Schmitt served as classroom teacher in the Tuscaloosa High School for number of years and in 1930 was made full-time librarian in the same institution. This position she has held continuously until her resignation to accept the State Superintendent's appointment. For several years she has taught Library Science at the Summer School of the University of Alabama and also served as librarian for the Workshop of the Southern Study in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

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Miss Schmitt has been a leader in promoting library education in the state. She has served as president and secretary of the School Libraries Department of the Alabama Education Association, and as vice-president and president of the Alabama Library Association. Since its inauguration she has served as Alabama State Chairman of the Victory Book Campaign.

Since going to live in Montgomery, Miss Schmitt's membership in Delta Kappa Gamma has been transferred from Beta to Alpha Chapter.

Gamma Chapter, Birmingham

ALTHOUGH members of Gamma Chapter of Alabama are busy as never before, with Red Cross activities—Motor Corps, Staff Assistants, Nurses Aids,—Bond Sales, U.S.O. work, interest in our major objective has not lagged.

Being educators, members of Delta Kappa Gamma are "frontline defense workers". Therefore, our primary concern is to uphold the standards of our profession in order to do the best job possible of building character and intelligent citizenship for achieving a harmonious postwar world.

Since we turn for inspiration to our Delta Kappa Gamma programs and contacts, Alabama Delta Kappa Gammars were indeed fortunate to have our State meeting, which convened in Birmingham in October, bring to us Dr. Blanton, whose address at the luncheon was the apogee of the one-day meeting.

Dr. Blanton stoutly defended the principles of Delta Kappa Gamma and stressed the importance of keeping our ideals high. She urged regular attendance at meetings and expressed the need for expansion by the forming of new chapters and the addition of members to existing chapters.

We of Gamma Chapter are anticipating with particular interest our April meeting, when Miss Lillian Gatchell will review for us "Better Selection of Better Teachers". This book, written by three members of Delta Kappa Gamma, has received favorable comment from leading educators.

Our meetings throughout the year have been interesting and enjoyable. Mrs. Alma C. Phillips led a stimulating panel discussion on "World Peace" at our November meeting, a tea given by Mrs. Joseph Eshelman at her lovely and hospitable home.

In a charming manner and masterly style Miss Vera Holmes reviewed "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas at our Christmas tea—always the highlight of the year's meetings.

(MRS.) LAURA GAINES SPROTT,
Chairman of Letters and
Publications Committee.

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Zeta Chapter

THE Zeta Chapter of Alabama held a short business meeting in October for the purpose of making plans for the year.

The programs are as follows:

November—Sketches of Our Pioneer Woman Teacher, Miss Carrie Henderson, who has contributed so much to the teaching of the Deaf of our state.

In December a very impressive initiation was held at the home of Miss Maria Whitson in Talladega.

The initiates were:

Mrs. H. B. Burks, 305 N. W. Street, Talladega

Mrs. Carolyn Kelley, Rt. 2, Box 43, Sylacauga

Miss Nannie Golden, 107 Chilton Street, Talladega

Miss Elizabeth Levie, Box 582, Sylacauga

Mrs. Earl McCarn (Honorary), 512 Boynton Avenue, Talladega

Mrs. Mary McElvey, 105 East 2nd Street, Sylacauga

Mrs. Ethel McGowan, 210 Pine Street, Sylacauga

Mrs. Mildred Woodall, Lincoln, Alabama

Mrs. Meda Vardaman, 11 N. Main Street, Sylacauga

February—"Better Selection of Better Teachers".

Delinquency—Whose Problem?

March—India—Educational Practices, religious and philosophic tenets, art, and literature.

April—Book Review.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Eula Brooks of Lincoln, Alabama, who transferred from Chi Chapter, Geneva, Alabama.

NAN KILLOUGH,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications.

Mu Chapter, Morgan County

MU Chapter of Alabama held its first meeting of 1943-44 in the spacious home of Miss Mabel Poer on October 16. The following new officers were installed: President, Mrs. W. T. Jordan; First Vice-President, Mrs. Elva Frazier; Second Vice-President, Miss Lizzie Reed Penn; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Zana Peurifoy; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Clio Lovin; Treasurer, Mrs. E. G. Hamilton; Parliamentarian, Miss Florence Orr.

The president discussed plans for the year's work which included the need for new members to take the place of those lost by transfer. The program chairman, Miss Lillian Odom outlined the subject for study this year, "Understanding the Peoples of the World" and gave to each member a copy of the program. Miss Fannie Schmitt, State Consultant for School Libraries, and member of Alpha Chapter, Montgomery, was presented and she gave a most delightful

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ful review of "A Goodly Fellowship" by Mary Ellen Chase. A large number of guests were invited to meet Miss Schmitt and to remain for the tea hour.

Our next meeting was a gala occasion, when we celebrated our sixth birthday, and received into fellowship sixteen new members. We had as honor guests members of the Omicron Chapter, Athens, and the meeting was in the form of a banquet at the Tennessee Valley Hotel on the evening of December 10. Our guest speaker was Dr. Jesse Rogers who was, for fourteen years, principal of a boys' school in China. He gave a most inspiring address on the subject, "Understanding the Chinese."

LILLIAN JORDAN,
President.

Nu Chapter, Cullman

WAR has not broken the zeal and determination of Nu Chapter members; on the other hand it has stimulated effort and has given us a clearer understanding of our purposes.

Last year revealed the true spirit of our personnel by the high type of programs which were presented at each meeting. Marked interest was shown by the fact that almost perfect attendance was maintained during the year.

At the beginning of this year, our president accepted and rejected the office three times before making a complete decision to serve as leader. When the final decision was made, however, she took hold of the work with a tenacious grip. Her devotion to the cause of education serves as a support and strength to our organization.

The initial meeting of the year was in celebration of Nu's fifth birthday. The banquet in honor of the occasion was preceded by an initiation ceremony, which added two new members to our chapter. These were Mrs. Vergie Gunn of Guntersville and Mrs. Prucia Weaver of Cullman. Mrs. Ted Whitaker, our president, introduced the birthday idea by presenting each member with a booklet containing the picture and a message from past presidents of the chapter. Several talks by various members gave a clearer vision to our educational focus. Our opportunities as teachers were summed up in a poem which was composed and read by the president.

Two important topics were discussed at our next meeting. These were: "TEACHING IS WAR WORK" and "MAINTAINING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS." Points were brought out in each topic which were worthy of serious consideration.

Those who attended the Christmas party would agree that the social aspect of our organization was in no way neglected. The gay festive spirit which prevailed during the buffet supper and exchanging of gifts, took on a deeper significance as the Christmas story was

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heard once again to remind us of the greatest of all Christmas gifts. Thoughts of other days were kindled anew as each member related some memorable Christmas experience. As the entire group united in singing Christmas carols, a new peace and courage seemed to pervade our hearts as we looked towards a new year.

We believe in Delta Kappa Gamma because of what she has done and because of her important position on the home front. Let each day find us doing our best and gaining momentum for the gigantic tasks which lie ahead.

ALICE MCCLANAHAN,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications.

Xi Chapter, Birmingham

XI Chapter of Birmingham held its first meeting of the year on October 2 at the home of Mrs. Harwell Davis with a most interesting program on International Relations. The speaker, Capt. Q. B. Newman of Howard College, gave a very informative lecture on Africa illustrated with movies which he had filmed on his travels.

On October 23, Xi Chapter was privileged to serve with Gamma Chapter as hostesses for the State Convention held at the Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham. At the luncheon meeting we were honored to have as our guest and speaker, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the national founder of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Two of our most active members, Miss Hattie Follis and Miss Lorine Barnes, were invited by Governor Sparks to serve on a committee of educators who appeared before the Survey Commission at the state capitol in Montgomery in November. This committee gave a report on the condition of schools in the state and made a strong appeal for federal aid for education.

Miss Barnes also attended a joint committee meeting composed of three members of the National Education Association and three from the National Parent-Teachers' Association held in Washington, D. C. on January 7 and 8. While in Washington the members of the committee were invited to be the guests of Mrs. Roosevelt for luncheon at the White House. Miss Barnes reports that Mrs. Roosevelt is broad in her views on education, but stresses particularly the need for vocational education.

Our chapter plans to hold seven meetings this year. Under the able leadership of our president, Miss Hattie Follis, and the program chairman, Miss Dorothy Blewett, very interesting meetings have been arranged and outlined in the yearbook.

Yours sincerely,
INEZ TILLERY,
Corresponding Secretary.
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Rho Chapter, Jackson County

THE fine program planned by Rho Chapter of Alabama has been carried out in a most effective manner. Topics discussed have been thought-provoking and inspiring.

Our initiation was held in December. Mrs. W. H. Robinson of Scottsboro was received as a welcome addition to our group. Mrs. Elberta Page, one of our members who had transferred to Tennessee, came home this year also. We are delighted to have her.

Our birthday banquet, to be held in February, will be the highlight of our year, socially speaking. This is to be our open meeting for the year. We shall observe our birthday in the traditional manner.

Founders' Day will be celebrated in April—our last meeting for this school year.

Officers

President, Mrs. Fanny Sue Jones
Vice-President, Miss Cora Michaels
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Marvin
Rudder
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cullie
Teal Martin
Treasurer, Miss Gertrude Stockton
Parliamentarian, Miss Virginia West
ADELA RIVERS,
Chairman, Publications
Committee.

Tau Chapter, Chambers County

THE year 1942-'43 was a very interesting year for the members of Tau Chapter of Alabama, since our programs revolved around our neighboring country, Mexico. We not only enjoyed the programs but also the delicious Mexican dinners served by the hostesses. This year's program, under the capable leadership of Miss Mary Orr, is going forward in an excellent manner.

Progress is being made in our study of Our Pioneer Woman, Miss Cora Pearson, who was not only a native of Chambers County, but an outstanding instructor in the State of Alabama. We regret that we were unable to finish this work before her death, which occurred recently.

We have granted a leave of absence to one of our members, Dorothy Barnes, who has recently joined the Spars and who is now stationed at Palm Beach, Fla.

At our January meeting a most interesting and inspiring review was given by Mrs. Winnie Ballenger on "Better Selection of Better Teachers".

We are looking forward to having Mrs. Frank Bell of Birmingham with us in February to present one of her interesting book reviews.

KATHLEEN SEALE,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications Committee

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Upsilon Chapter, Marengo County

UPSILON Chapter programs for 1943-1944 have been carefully planned according to suggestions made for study by the National Program Committee. For one meeting the local committee presented a special program with the idea of interesting the young girls of the community in the profession of teaching; another was to feature the teacher as a World Community Citizen. Other programs had a definite purpose in view.

At a Christmas party, which was a delightful social affair, the first and retiring president was presented the president's pin for her faithful service and devotion to Upsilon.

The President of Upsilon and a delegate represented the chapter at the state convention in October. The report that these persons gave was most gratifying to the members, as they felt that as a chapter they had caught the inspiration of the national and state leaders and were reflecting it in their work.

The State President, Josephine E. Hargrove, has accepted an invitation to a luncheon to be given soon by Upsilon Chapter. The members look forward with pleasure to this occasion.

The two outstanding social activities of the year are the Birthday Party and the Founders' Day Celebration. The Birthday Party is annually celebrated on or about March 9, the date Upsilon came into being. The Founders' Day program is one of beautiful and dignified formality—a time in which everyone feels as if she rededicates her time and talents to all for which Delta Kappa Gamma stands.

(MRS.) WINNIE LOU LOVE,
Publication Chairman.

Omega Chapter, Escambia County

DESPITE the present unsettled conditions we have enjoyed a good year.

Some of our members had interesting experiences during the summer. Our president, Miss Ethel Holmes, was an instructor in the Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C. Mrs. Nan Shaver attended school at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. Miss Lilly Porter worked in Montgomery. We regret very much having lost her this year through transfer to Rho Chapter.

As a fitting close for last year's work our state president, Miss Josephine Hargrove, was guest speaker at our Founders' Day Banquet at the home of Mrs. W. K. Holt in Brewton.

Our program for this year is in line with the state and national program which is as follows:

October, Business meeting, in Brewton.
November, Initiation and Birthday Tea, in Brewton.
January, Quiz Program, Constitution, By-Laws, and Handbook, in Brewton.

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March, Panel Discussion, Teachers Belong on the Front Line of Defense, in Atmore.

May, Founders' Day Luncheon, Pioneer Women Teachers, in Flomaton.

In November our Initiation and Third Birthday Party was held in the W. S. Neal School Library. After the initiation we had a formal party. The program included piano and vocal selections by Misses Christine Dickson and Julia Gilliam, also, memories of our three years in Delta Kappa Gamma given by three of our members, Mrs. Jane Peavy, Miss Maxine Parker, and Mrs. Nan Shaver.

The initiates were: Honorary, Mrs. Ed Goldsmith of Atmore. Active, Mrs. Era Mae Hall, of Atmore, and Mrs. Sue Cater of Flomaton.

Our chapter is cooperating in every way possible with the war effort.

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Alpha Gamma Chapter, Baldwin County

ALPHA GAMMA Chapter of Alabama plans to celebrate its third birthday in March. We feel very proud of our chapter. There is no public system of transportation leading to one central place in this large county, where we can hold our meetings; but in spite of transportation handicaps, we have managed four meetings each year.

We held our first meeting of the year, October 10, at the home of Mrs. Mahony with the Misses Sniders as co-hostesses. At this meeting the State President, Miss Hargrove, installed the new officers.

On November 12, Miss Hargrove was with us again, when we had initiation at the Robertsdale Vocational Building. After the banquet, served by Miss Pulley and the girls of her department, Miss Hargrove and the members of Alpha Gamma Chapter initiated the following active members: Mrs. Minnie Baker, Miss Susie Dahlberg, Miss Eunice Harrison, Mrs. Hazel McVay, Mrs. Blanche Sikes, and Mrs. Ione Swift. Miss Lilla Simmons was initiated as our first honorary member.

We are happy to have Miss Eliza J. Wilcox with us this year. Miss Wilcox comes to us from Nu Chapter, Cullman.

Alpha Delta Chapter, Macon and Bullock Counties

ABUSINESS meeting in September opened the year for Alpha Delta in Alabama. The president, Mrs. Sallie Danner, announced changes in the committees. Plans were made for the year's work.

We regretted to lose Mrs. J. W. Letson and Miss Virginia Herndon but were happy to add to our members, Miss Nan-

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nie Ming, who transferred from Phi Chapter.

Upon the invitation of Pi Chapter of Auburn, we joined them in an initiation on Oct. 17, 1943, at Smith Hall in Auburn. The new members welcomed into our chapter are: Mrs. Ellen Eason, Union Springs; Mrs. Richard Powell, Tuskegee; Miss Sara Webb, Tuskegee. After the initiation, delightful refreshments were served by the members of Pi Chapter.

In November we met with Mrs. J. C. Aiken of Tuskegee. Miss Bettie Rogers, who had attended the State Convention in Birmingham, reported that the meeting was an inspiration to all who attended and that after seeing and hearing Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the common resolve seemed to be to work all the harder to preserve and uphold the standards and ideals that she has set for us.

Miss Verda Moore gave an interesting as well as instructive demonstration on the Greek alphabet.

A highlight of our year's work comes in February, when we are looking forward to having Mrs. Norma Smith Bristow with us as our guest speaker.

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Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Greenville

UNDER the capable leadership of Miss Margaret Browne, Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma expects to enjoy a profitable year. Miss Browne is assisted by the following officers: First Vice-President, Margaret Thornton; Second Vice-President, Mary Powell; Recording Secretary, Remelle S. Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Frances Gates; Treasurer, Elizabeth Leckie; Parliamentarian, Gladys Bolt.

May we congratulate Frances Gates and her committee on our most attractive year book. The programs for the year will be an intensive study of the monograph: "Better Selection of Better Teachers".

We welcome two new members by transfer, Gladys Bolt and Margaret Thornton from the Phi Chapter at Wetumpka. The chapter, however, has not been left undisturbed by the unsettled conditions of our present time. We feel very keenly the loss of two valuable members. Marguerite Stallworth moved to Linden, Alabama, and Meredith Bullock is teaching at the training school at the State Teachers College, Livingston, Alabama.

Three meetings have been held by the chapter since the close of the Delta Kappa Gamma year in September. The good attendance and fine work of officers and committees have made these meetings eminently satisfactory.

The first meeting was a business meeting held in October with Frances Cater. Plans for the year's work were made.

Margaret Browne was hostess for the

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November meeting. Remelle Smith presented an excellent account of the activities of the State Convention which she attended in Birmingham in October. Frances Cater, the retiring president, was presented a lovely gift.

The January meeting was held with Caroline Crenshaw and Frances Gates. Mrs. Norma Smith Bristow, supervisor of Elementary Education of Montgomery County, was the guest speaker. She had for her subject "Delta Kappa Gamma Backgrounds." At this meeting plans were made for our chapter to be represented at the Regional Conference at Opp, Alabama.

Our chapter has been active in the purchase of War Bonds. Many members are devoting two evenings each week to work in the Red Cross surgical gauze room. We move forward with Hope and Faith that our contribution may be a thread in the weaving of a successful peace.

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Beta Chapter, Tulsa

THE September meeting of the Beta Chapter of Oklahoma was devoted to the reports of retiring committees and to a report of the National Convention.

The Legislation Committee presented a discussion of problems confronting educators in Oklahoma at the October meeting. Two of our own members, Mrs. Floy Elliott Cobb, only woman member of the Executive Board of the Oklahoma Education Association, and Miss Ona Raines, a member of the Legislation Committee of the National Education Association, participated in this program.

Initiation for eight new members was held in November, following our annual banquet.

Other highlights in the year's program will be "The Hour of Charm", a discussion of physical fitness and improvement; an address on "Educational Leadership in a National Crisis" by one of our new members, Dr. Rebecca O. Nelson, Coordinator of Family Life Education for the Tulsa Public Schools; a report of the findings of the Research Committee on the racial problem in our own community; a panel discussion of "The Common Goal of Women's Organizations in Tulsa"; and the Birthday Luncheon, at which the final committee reports for the year will be made.

It is with deep regret that Beta Chapter reports the death of Mrs. Lila D. Lindsey, an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma and a pioneer teacher in this community.

We were pleased to receive Pearl Faulk as a member by transfer this fall.

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Zeta Chapter, Durant

SINCE we sent in our last news letter for Zeta Chapter, one of our members, Miss Mildred L. McCracken, has received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Texas.

At the celebration of the eighth birthday of Zeta Chapter, October 22, 1943, Mrs. Floy Perkins Gates presided at the installation of the following 1943-45 officers: Miss Vivian Downs, president; Miss Marguerite Harral, first vice-president; Mrs. Jack Blanchard, second vice-president; Miss Bonnie Blackwell, recording secretary; Miss Meda Smith, corresponding secretary; Miss Rosa Lee Hammond, treasurer; and Mrs. Avis Stewart, parliamentarian.

On January 8, Miss Vivian Downs, Miss Meda Smith, and Mrs. W. M. Sandefur were hostesses to the members of the chapter at a breakfast. Dr. M. K. Fort, director of Russell Training School at Southeastern State College, spoke on the subject, "Maintaining Emotional Stability."

The speaker at the February meeting was G. T. Stubbs, superintendent of Durant schools, who talked on "Better Selection of Better Teachers."

IRENE SCRIVENER,
Letters and Publications.

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Eta Chapter, Cleveland and McClain Counties

ETA Chapter was hostess to members of Delta Kappa Gamma attending the summer session of the University of Oklahoma.

The theme for our year's program is: "A New Legend of Good Women: the contribution of modern women to science and art." Our first lesson was an interesting symposium led by Dr. Jewel Wurtzbaugh, which told of the accomplishments of women in the fields of science and social science.

At the initiation dinner, Dr. Jessie Newby as a contrast to women of today, gave a talk on "Octavia" showing her influence in ages past. Initiation was held for Miss Eva Cook, Mrs. Hazel Bollinger, Mrs. Nellie Lowry Rutledge and for Dr. Lucille Dora, a retired teacher of French at the University of Oklahoma, who became an honorary member. We are happy to welcome Miss Elsie Turney, a transfer from Lambda Chapter, Weatherford.

Our next lesson is "Beauty: God's best gift to man," in which the accomplishments of women in art will be discussed.

Mrs. Mary Hays Marable will give a book review on our Annual Guest Day.

The last meeting of the year will be a picnic at Purcell.

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Theta Chapter, Canadian, King-fisher and Blain Counties

SOMEONE remarked the other day, "You Delta Kappa Gamma girls are the busiest people in town." That was a comment which pleased us and set us to taking inventory. Our Theta president, Miss Josephine Hodnett, is editor of the Poetry Corner of our Oklahoma Teacher magazine. Miss Rose Witcher is the new president of the El Reno branch of the American Association of University Women. Miss Farra Kinkade recently received her ribbon on completion of 500 hours of Red Cross work at the Canteen. Miss Etta Dale, who for 50 years was principal of Central grade school and for whom Etta Dale Junior High School was named, has become El Reno's visiting teacher.

Mrs. Margaret Leitner, member from Okarche, made a trip to Washington, D. C., in January in line of duty as Rehabilitation Chairman of the National Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Miss Mabel Jones is serving her second year as Oklahoma State Social Studies Chairman of the American Association of University Women. During the past summer Miss Lora Mendenhall, home economics teacher at the Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian school, Concho, carried out a huge canning project, with the help of the Indian pupils.

Doing a little pioneering is Miss Irene March, Theta's first president, who is one of the first women instructors in the educational department of Southwestern United States Federal Reformatory, where she has an interested class of boys learning Spanish. Miss Josephine Edwards was married in November to First Sgt. James A. Taylor. Miss Rose Pierce has been appointed acting principal of Irving school by the El Reno Board of Education to take the place of a man entering the armed forces.

Four of our members have left, Miss Amy Johnson and Mrs. Irby Bonebrake to teach in Oklahoma City, Miss Ina Lane in Anadarko, and Miss Eunice Cormack in the Alabama College for Girls, Montevallo, Alabama.

We have recently bought a \$100 war bond.

Our programs this year include a book review, a birthday dinner, a program honoring pioneer teachers, a Founders' Day program, and an initiation. In addition, we are having two joint programs with the Business and Professional Women's Club and local branch of A. A. U. W. The first such meeting, in January, was cosponsored by the International Relations Crisis committee, who secured Dr. M. L. Wardell, head of the history department of Oklahoma University. He brought a thought-provoking address on "Some Principles of Peace." The second joint meeting will be in March when the Edu-

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cational Leadership committee combines with the Education committees of the other two clubs to bring a worth-while program. All of the year's programs will be in El Reno except the May meeting, which will be at Okarche with Mrs. Leitner and Mrs. Mary Thompson Heinen as hostesses.

Theta Chapter has been asked to serve as hostesses for the Friday night annual reception during the Oklahoma state teachers' convention in Oklahoma City in February.

We are proud to be an integral part of a busy, growing organization composed of educated women who realize their responsibilities of leadership during this critical period. Greetings to sister chapters. Now is the time to be steadfast, to hold fast our vision, and to work harder than ever before.

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Kappa Chapter, Grant, Garfield, Alfalfa and Major Counties

UNDER the capable leadership of Velma Murray of Enid, Kappa Chapter has begun its year's work in an auspicious way.

At the October meeting, she and her corps of officers were installed, at the Hotel Youngblood at Enid, by the outgoing president, Celia T. Harville.

Several members had attended the meeting at Oklahoma City, called by the State President, for the officers and committee chairmen of the various chapters of the state. They reported great inspiration received there.

"Know Your Delta Kappa Gamma Friends Better" was the theme emphasized at the luncheon in October, held jointly with Delta Chapter at the Northern District Teachers' meeting at Enid.

The November meeting was held at the home of the president, where the chapter was not only graciously entertained by the president and her mother, but also enjoyed an instructive program. The Retirement Law was thoroughly explained by Kappa's only County Superintendent, Neva Wilson, of Alfalfa County. Biographies of two of Kappa's own pioneer teachers, Mrs. Gertrude Major of Enid, and Miss Rose Garrison of Pond Creek, were read and submitted to the State Committee for permanent record.

The chapter is looking forward to the visit, at their fifth birthday party, of their founder, Dr. Jessie T. Newby of Edmond, and Dr. Anna Lewis of the Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha.

The main discussion themes for the year are "Better Selection of Teachers" and "The War Effort".

Two of Kappa's members are in the service of their country: Miss Martha Frizzell is a WAC at Fort Oglethorpe,

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Georgia, and Miss Alta Larimore of the WAVES is now at Palm Beach, Florida.

A number of members have temporary leaves of absence, while they are in war work, while they are with their husbands at military centers, and while they are doing advanced study.

New members added this year are:

Miss Gertrude Garrett, Cherokee
Mrs. Pearl Lounsbury, Pond Creek
Miss Thelma McGibbon, Enid
Mrs. Lula Moorhouse, Enid
Miss Maurine Nicholson, Enid
Miss Elsie Roads, Enid

Kappa members are from four different counties, making the transportation problem a great one. None the less, enthusiasm runs high, attendance is normal, and Kappa Chapter is enjoying a happy and profitable year.

CELLIA T. HARVILLE,
Chairman of Letters and Publications Committee.

MISSOURI CHAPTERS**Eta Chapter, Fulton**

At our initiation meeting, which was held at the Fulton Country Club, seven new members were added to our group. Miss Dobbs and Miss Irons of Beta Chapter, Columbia, Missouri, were our guests.

Eta Chapter of Missouri, is proud to announce that one member, Miss Beverly A. Martin, is now a Lieutenant (jg) in the WAVES.

Our first fall meeting was held at the home of our president, Mrs. Ruth Jones. The subject was "International Understanding." Miss Laveta Hobson, recently returned from Bolivia, and Miss Esther Altman, who has spent some time in Japan, were our guest speakers. They were both instructors in church schools in these foreign countries.

JULIA STAFFORD,
Chairman, Letters and Publications.

Theta Chapter, St. Francois County

THE Theta Chapter of Missouri had a dinner meeting on October 12 and had for the topic of discussion, "Careful Selection of Better Teachers." As a culmination of this discussion, it was decided that some action should be taken by the members to attract young people with ability and personality to the teaching profession. Plans have been made to have Open House for prospective teachers on April 22. The guests will be students from St. Francois County High Schools and from Flat River Junior College. Miss Jennie Wahlert, principal of Jackson Elementary School in St. Louis and an outstanding personage in the field of education, is to be the guest speaker.

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Miss Wahlert was one of the Missouri State Founders of Delta Kappa Gamma and the first Missouri State President of Delta Kappa Gamma. Through such a meeting, we hope to make these young people realize that the selecting of teachers for our nation's children is a vital problem of education today.

We feel very proud to have as one of our members, Dr. Laura Nahm of Flat River, who has been elected State President of the American Association of University Women. She is to be congratulated on the capable manner in which she is performing the duties of her office.

EUNICE THOMASSON,
Chairman, Letters and Publications Committee.

Iota Chapter, Hannibal

IOТА Chapter of Hannibal, Missouri, "the boyhood home of Mark Twain", was organized May 2, 1942, at the Mark Twain Hotel.

Following a delightful one o'clock luncheon, Miss Willie Whitson, State President, conducted the initiation ceremonies initiating the following new members: Mary Wiehe, Jeannette Baker, Elizabeth Eichenberger, Katherine Fry, Christine McWilliams, Lucille Muldrow, Nell H. Smarr.

The following State members joined the Iota Chapter: Leolia Reynolds, Frankie Connell, Montana Rice, Merle Bradshaw. (Bertha Stobernack and Kathryn Helm are life members in Delta Kappa Gamma.)

After the initiation ceremonies the chapter held its first business meeting, electing the following officers: President, Frankie Connell; First Vice-President, Leolia Reynolds; Second Vice-President, Christine McWilliams; Recording Secretary, Katherine Fry; Treasurer, Jeannette Baker; Corresponding Secretary, Nell H. Smarr; Parliamentarian, Elizabeth Eichenberger.

May 5, 1943, the Iota Chapter enjoyed a lovely six o'clock dinner in the home of their President, Miss Frankie Connell. After the social hour a business meeting was held and the officers then serving were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing term.

December 8, 1943, Miss Jessie Bradley, Miss Ruth Crowder, Miss Virginia Shulse, and Miss Helen Young were initiated in the Iota Chapter. The initiation was held in the home of Miss Frankie Connell. The home was beautifully decorated for a Christmas party, given for the initiates, which followed the ceremonies.

Mrs. Nell H. Smarr read an interesting paper on "Applied Psychology". Miss Mary Wiehe and Miss Montana Rice offered to arrange a scrap book for the chapter.

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One visiting member was present, Miss Clara Mae Glenn, instructor in Hannibal-La Grange College.

Iota Chapter is quite young, but we hope to accomplish many worthwhile things in the future.

Sincerely yours,
NELL H. SMARR,
Corresponding Secretary.

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GAMMA Chapter enters the New Year of 1944 with a good record behind and an encouraging outlook ahead. On March 9, 1944, it will have rounded out eight years of existence, which have been full years of living. During its lifetime there have been five presidents all of whom are still active members of the chapter.

Our membership has increased to sixty-eight, eight of whom were among the seventeen initiates received into our Society at the meeting of the State Executive Board in Baton Rouge on December 4, 1943. Gamma Chapter was hostess to the State Executive Board for this meeting. Seventeen members rendered service on committees in preparation for the meeting as well as in assisting in the activities of the meeting itself. Many other members were in attendance.

Our chapter has fifteen active committees which are in accord with those set up by National. The members work on national problems and carry out the policies of our state and national organizations. We hold four regular meetings each year and such called meetings as are necessary. There is always a program of interest as well as a business meeting. Previously, we had selected our speakers from our own members, but this year the committee set up a program with invited speakers from town and university. The program taken from our Yearbook is as follows:

November 8, 1943—"Trends in Children's Books Today"—Miss Mildred Harrington, L.S.U. Library School

January 10, 1944—"Organization of Women for Civilian Defense"—Mrs. Dagmar Hamilton

"Changes in Consumer Goods in Wartime"—Mrs. Kenneth Purdy

March 13, 1944—"A Psychologist in a Modern World"—Dr. Cecil W. Mann, L.S.U. Psychology Dept.

May 8, 1944—Social meeting

Meetings are well attended. There is an excellent spirit of harmony and cooperation existing in the chapter. Whenever a member is asked to serve on a committee or perform any other duty she cheerfully accepts and says: "I'll do my best."

MAY LEE DENHAM,
President.

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Delta Chapter, New Orleans

IN spite of the difficulties imposed by war restrictions, Delta Chapter of New Orleans is determined to function as normally as possible this year. We, therefore, have planned five regular meetings with World Objectives of Today and Tomorrow as our program theme of the year.

Three of our five meetings are happy memories. In November, we had an impressive initiation ceremony, at which time we welcomed five new members. As this meeting is always the high spot of the season, we donned last year's dinner dresses, and made it a real function.

Our speaker for the January meeting dealt with the very pertinent subject The Training of Junior Citizens. For the current month, we have planned a panel with members of the chapter discussing Better Selection of Better Teachers. The May meeting will feature Latin American Relations.

Several of the members of the chapter are forced to forego these interesting meetings because of their full-time war jobs. Angela Gregory has forsaken her studio for the personnel director's office of a big shipyard. Caroline Burnson is kept busy with an important military secret. Violett O'Reilly teaches several wartime courses after her regular school day. The rest of us are helping as volunteers wherever we can.

NATALIE HENICAN,
President.

Eta Chapter, Monroe, Louisiana

THE programs of the Eta Chapter of Louisiana for the past two years, have been planned with the purpose of evaluating the place of teachers in the current world crisis. We have been particularly alarmed by the spread of juvenile delinquency in war centers. With a view to helping the situation in our own community, we paid the expenses of the local probation officer, so that she might take a trip to Memphis and study the methods used in Judge Kelly's court. We have considered the situation of the Japanese internees in our country. We realize that the country is faced with a teacher shortage and we are making plans to interest more young people in the profession.

Our members have taken part in various defense activities. Four of our members roll bandages regularly at the Red Cross. Five of our members have worked at the U.S.O. Canteen. Last Christmas each one of us prepared a package for the U.S.O. Christmas tree, given for the enlisted men at Selman Field. Last year we purchased a \$75.00 war bond.

Since all of our members live in Monroe, we are not faced with a serious transportation problem. We meet at

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nights at the homes of the members. Each time several members serve as hostesses. After the program, we enjoy a social hour.

Each year we find that we are more interested in the work of Delta Kappa Gamma and get more from the organization.

FRANCES FLANDERS,
President.

Theta Chapter, Lincoln Parish

So proudly we present:

MISS ANNA GREENE SMITH, on leave, sociology instructor at Louisiana Tech. Miss Smith is working toward a doctorate at the University of North Carolina.

Lieutenant Mary Young O'Neal of the WACs, on leave, formerly English instructor of Choudrant High School. Lieutenant Young is in charge of the "best conducted" mess hall at the Army Post Branch, Des Moines, Iowa.

Captain Christine Moon of the WACs, on leave, head of the Department of Physical Education for Women at Louisiana Tech. Captain Moon is Assistant WAC Director of Air Service Command and stationed at Patterson Field, Ohio.

Mrs. Winnie D. Evans, English instructor at Louisiana Tech. November issue of Educational Administration and Supervision carries her article "Reaction of One-hundred Sixty-five College Students to Their Work in High School and College".

Our program committee which has added a new interest to our meetings by introducing the all member participation method of program. The subject and a list of suggested readings are announced several weeks in advance and a program leader or leaders are appointed. On the scheduled evening, we are all ready with wisdom we have gleaned and with what we fondly call our own reactions. We recommend this method to you.

MABEL J. MAY,
Letters and Publications.

Lambda Chapter, East Carroll,
Madison and Richland Parishes

IN spite of the rubber shortage which particularly affects a chapter composed of members scattered over three parishes, the Lambda Chapter of Louisiana had its second meeting of 1943 in the autumn at Tallulah. The following officers were installed:

Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce, President.
Miss Pearl Lefevre, First Vice President.

Mrs. Margaret Newman, Secretary.
Mrs. Myrtis Wyly, Treasurer.

Miss George Huff, who had been elected Second Vice President at the previous meeting, was absent, on account of having moved to Baton Rouge in order to accept another teaching position. The chapter regretted her absence,

as well as the absences of two other members.

Mrs. Jewell Jones, a recent initiate, had moved to Natchitoches, where she is now teaching in the Louisiana State Normal College.

Miss Frances Alexander, on a year's leave from her position in the Tallulah High School, was in Memphis, Tennessee, doing defense work.

On the other hand, the chapter welcomed back Mrs. Marie Hester, after an absence of two years, spent in study at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and Louisiana State University, where she received a Master's degree.

At the autumn meeting, the members enjoyed an interesting program prepared by Mrs. Newman. The chief features were a talk by Miss Lefevre on "Some Causes of the Present War" and one by Mrs. Wyly on "The Effect of the War on the Teaching Profession."

In addition to the regular meeting there were two social events in recent months in connection with the chapter. The first was a visit from Miss Vickers, the State President. On this occasion Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Hester, and Mrs. Belser enjoyed Miss Vickers' charming company during a visit in Mrs. Hester's home and at lunch. The other event was a delightful coffee hour when Mrs. Medlin entertained her Delta Kappa Gamma sisters of Tallulah. Those who participated in this enjoyable gathering were Mrs. Yerger, Mrs. Burleigh, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Belser and Mrs. Hester.

The chapter is looking forward to another meeting in March.

MRS. ETHEL WYLY BELSER,
Chairman of Publications
Committee.

Nu Chapter, Claiborne and
Webster Parishes

AT the September meeting, Nu Chapter elected the following officers to serve for the next two years: Miss Lillian Phillips, President; Mrs. E. L. Lyon, Secretary. Miss Susanella Schoenbrodt, who has served most of the time from the date of the organization of the chapter, was again chosen treasurer.

This meeting culminated a four years' term of office of our efficient president, Miss Kuma Shealy, who has made us an excellent leader and whose untiring efforts and earnest devotion to the society have been an inspiration to all. In recognition of the fine work of our retiring president, the chapter presented a token of appreciation to her at the close of this meeting. Miss Phillips is already proving herself a very enthusiastic and capable leader, and we are happy to be under her guidance for the years 1943-1945.

Realizing the crisis that the schools of our nation are facing because of the great number of teachers who are leaving the profession and because of the em-

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ployment of those who are not qualified to teach, our chapter is working through the Parent-Teacher Organizations and other clubs in the two parishes to bring the attention of the public to this matter and to arouse public interest in the bill for Federal aid.

Letters of acceptance of membership in Nu Chapter have been received from seven representative teachers: Misses Maud Bullock, Sadie Reynolds, Ethel Roach, Louise Gray, Charlotte Wilson, Geraldine Wall, and Mrs. Audra E. Allen. These ambitious and professional women, who are to be initiated in March, will be an asset to the chapter.

In spite of the unusual demands upon teachers and educators in these turbulent times, the chapter feels that the year has been successful because of the service given toward the war effort by the individual members and by the chapter as a unit; because of its effort in maintaining a high standard for the schools; and because of the stimulating types of meetings held, all of which included programs that have been interesting and informative, in keeping with the broad aims of Delta Kappa Gamma.

XI Chapter, Acadia Parish

XI Chapter has installed her new officers, and the machinery is set for a typical wartime year. Good members of Delta Kappa Gamma find opportunities to serve; and surely this year proves no exception to the rule; it rather multiplies opportunities to prove one's real worth. With volunteer ration work, First Aid to teach, bandages to roll, nutrition programs to put over, salvage drives to make—all in addition to helping to mold Young America into "something worth fighting for", it is truly challenging!

It is with regret that we report that several of our members have moved elsewhere to teach this year. Miss Marion Funk and Miss Ruth Jones are both in this category. Our membership is growing, however, in numbers as well as in experience and activity. We have had four meetings this year in spite of many restrictions and handicaps. Blowouts have in some instances cut attendance.

At the usual impressive initiation this year we gained four inspirational members. These newest members are: Miss Catherine Hunter, our newest honorary member. She brings into our group many years of experience and a very special artistic talent. Miss Louise Petitjean—a most enthusiastic and successful club leader as well as teacher. Mrs. Effie A. Thibodeaux, a charming mother-teacher, and Mrs. Gladys B. Trombley, a gifted musician, as well as an energetic worker. You see our chapter grows "bigger and better" all the time!

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Our committees are organized and at work. We had representation at the State meeting in Baton Rouge on December 4, 1943. Our president Miss Irene Petitjean, and Miss Charlotte Holbrook were both in attendance and reported a very inspirational meeting. Our president is a member of the State Permanent Fund Committee.

Mrs. F. F. Richard was given recognition on a nutrition project, by being selected a third place winner in a national competition on an article entitled "What is Home Economics Doing to Help Win the War?" The article appeared in the Home Economics Magazine "Forecast" for October, 1943.

There will be a combined social and business meeting in the spring, at which time the year's reports and other business will be completed.

ZULIA C. RICHARD (Mrs. F. F.),
Corresponding Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTERS**Alpha Chapter**

ALPHA Chapter of Mississippi is growing in members in spite of war conditions. The chapter is made up of members from three towns, all about 25 miles apart. Two meetings have been held since September, and three new members have been added, two have been received as transfers.

Programs planned for the year are designed to lead us to broaden our knowledge of other countries and to know our own country better. "Christmas in Other Countries" was the subject for the December program. The January program will be an illustrated lecture on "Flags over Mississippi" by Dr. C. E. Cain, instructor from State College, Mississippi. The lecture is the story of the various flags that have flown over Mississippi, including those of conquering nations in her early history, and later flags up to the present time. Historical music will also be a feature of the program.

Future programs will be on some phase of international understanding.

Sincerely yours,
JEWELL GARLAND,
President.

Beta Chapter, Hinds County

THANKS to our excellent program chairman, Miss Laura Lester, (a founder) we have had four programs by outside speakers. We have been able to secure local speakers who have had several years' experience in China and in Japan. Mrs. W. C. Thompson gave us an illustrated talk on Japan, bringing a trunk full of exhibits. Mrs. Robert Price, whose husband is a returned medical missionary to China, gave us two talks: one on peacetime China, and one on wartime China. Our February speak-

er is Miss Dowd, a retired missionary to Japan. Her school there is featured in THE LITTLE PONGEE GOWN.

We are exceedingly proud that the new First Lady of Mississippi, Mrs. Tom Bailey, is a Delta Kappa Gamma, and we plan to give her a hearty welcome with all honors due.

Although as a group, Beta Chapter is not affiliated with any other organization, many of our members hold important positions in other clubs and keep us informed on policies and opportunities. We helped the State Federation of Women's Clubs to buy bonds enough to secure a Mississippi bomber. Since the Mississippi Education Association usually meets in Jackson, Beta Chapter is always well represented at the State Breakfast. Our State Convention is also to be held this year in Jackson, April 28 and 29.

We have had unusually pleasant times at the picnics we have had as our closing meeting, that we plan always to close our season with a picnic at some delightful, near-by spot.

RUTH BOYD,
President.

Gamma Chapter, Meridian

AT ITS November meeting, Gamma Chapter celebrated its fifth anniversary at the Lamar Hotel. Mrs. William Ackerman and Miss Mattie Thornton were welcomed as new members, after the impressive initiation conducted by Miss Phillips. The banquet that followed the initiation, gave members of Gamma Chapter an opportunity to honor one of their members, Mrs. Thomas L. Bailey, wife of the Governor-elect, who will soon take up residence in the capital. The place cards, bearing identification verses cleverly written by Mrs. Ivy and read during the banquet hour for the entertainment of the guests, were used later by members who wished to give in prose or verse sweet farewells to Nellah or provide her with timely counsel. The parting messages, read between courses, helped to extend swiftly passing minutes into happy hours. A novel feature of the evening was the song composed by Mrs. Hughes Knight and Miss Oleta Meadows, either for the purpose of revealing their familiarity with modern musical lays or of disclosing their deep feeling for one whose duties soon would be to "hold that Governor down." Miss Helen Crooks, who served as toastmaster, brought the banquet to a close by giving the floor to Mrs. Mamie Carter Crumpton. On behalf of Gamma Chapter, Mrs. Crumpton expressed to Mrs. Bailey the love and appreciation that members of Gamma Chapter have for her and presented her with a Delta Kappa Gamma locket. Miss Phillips accepted for Gamma Chapter Mrs. Bailey's

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invitation to have the sixth birthday dinner in the Governor's mansion.

MAUDE SMITH,
Chairman of Letters.

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Epsilon Chapter, Salisbury

EPSILON Chapter celebrated the ninth birthday of the North Carolina State organization of Delta Kappa Gamma, on October 30, in the apartment of Miss Julia Groves. Since this was the beginning of the year's work, the program was outlined, committees were announced, and the list of initiates was completed.

Mrs. T. Edgar Johnston, chairman of the program committee, summarized the plans for her group: initiation of new members; panel on better teachers for better schools; study of report of the conference on teacher education conducted by the State Department of Public Instruction over a period of two years ending in 1943-1944; discussion of what the schools can do to produce world-minded citizens and phases of postwar planning for a changing world.

As a part of the program of the afternoon, Mrs. T. Wingate Andrews spoke on the subject *Teaching in Wartime Is Important*; and Miss Annie Postian on *What Is Happening to the School Child in Wartime?*

Initiates for the year are: Mrs. Margaret B. Myers, Principal Hurley School, Salisbury; Miss Ann Pruitt, Teacher City Schools, Mocksville; Miss Edith Clark (associate) Public Librarian, Salisbury; Mrs. O. C. McQuage (associate) Newspaper Work, Mocksville; Miss Ethel Perkins, Teacher, Robbins School, Lexington; Miss Florence Reid, Elementary Principal, Robbins School, Lexington; Miss Mary Guldge, Second Grade Teacher, Central School, Albemarle; Miss Leo Hough, Elementary Principal, Albemarle; Miss Chicora Caughman, Dean of Girls, Albemarle High School; Albemarle; Miss Sadie Klutze (Honorary) Wiley Junior High School, Salisbury; and Mrs. Rose Laws Jennings, Albemarle.

The Candle Lighting Ceremonial, presided over by Mrs. Florence Bushy, concluded the meeting. Red roses, red candles, a white birthday cake, a gracious and impressive interpretation of the occasion—these were the essence of the ceremony.

ANN SHERWOOD,
President.

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Alpha Chapter, Roswell

WE have had five very interesting programs this new school year. At our December meeting Mrs. George N. Carruthers, a former high school teacher, gave a delightful book review of "Yesterday's Children" by La Marr Warrick.

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We also had our initiation at the country home of Mrs. D. N. Pope in December. Ten members were initiated: Miss Elizabeth Cook, Miss Louise Duval, Miss Virginia Hargraves, Miss Alice Peterson, Miss Alice Webb, Mrs. Gladys Cowan, Mrs. Jewell Harp, Mrs. Billie Shaw, Miss Nancy Haynes and Mrs. Myrtle Owens.

In our Victory "round-up" we found that Miss Jenny Kenny is entering her second year's service in the Red Cross surgical dressings work room; Mrs. Gladys Cowan and Miss Virginia Hargraves have served as hostesses at the U.S.O. for the past year. Miss Hazel Vineyard is entering on the second year in Canteen Service at the U.S.O.

Mrs. Gladys Cowan, Mrs. Laura Deaton, and Misses Alice Webb, Alice Peterson, Huberta Randolph, Nancy Haynes have completed the Red Cross courses in Nutrition and Canteen and have begun service at the U.S.O.

Miss Stella Dee Shannon, who served the past year as Junior hostess at the U.S.O., has accepted the position of hostess at an army camp at Blytheville, Arkansas. We regret losing her as an active member, but we wish for her, success in her new work.

Our January meeting will be a luncheon meeting, celebrating the fifth birthday of Alpha Chapter.

HAZEL VINEYARD,
NINA CULLEN,
Committee on Publications.

Beta Chapter, Santa Fe

BETA Chapter has functioned, regardless of unusual snows and the distances some of the members have had to travel to attend the meetings.

One of the faithful members whose long service as principal of schools in Cerrillos has been rewarded by retirement, is spending the winter in Detroit. This is Mrs. Frances McCraw, whose attendance previously has been almost perfect.

The first meeting of the year was a luncheon at La Posada Inn, on October 8th. It is always a pleasure for members of Delta Kappa Gamma to lunch or banquet at La Posada.

The November meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lucile Kaune with Mrs. Millicent Reynolds as co-hostess. The program was given by Mrs. Robert Miller who has lived for many years in Latin American countries. Her lecture was on Costa Rica and was full of interest and information.

The December meeting was an annual Christmas party, held at the home of Mrs. Fabiola Gilbert with Miss Marie I. Sena and Miss Catalina Aguirre as co-hostesses. The home was lovely in its Christmas dress of greens, and with red candles. There was a Christmas tree in

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the music room, where the members left gifts for the patients at Bruns Hospital.

Our members are doing volunteer war work of various kinds and are looking forward to the continuation of a successful chapter year. The April meeting will be a guest tea also at La Posada and the May meeting program will be a summary of war work done by the members. A report of the work may appear in a later letter for Beta.

LIDA BRASHER WHITE,
Letters and Publications.

Zeta Chapter, Clovis and Portales

ZETA Chapter has had most enjoyable and inspirational meetings to finish the year 1942-43, and to begin the new year.

On September 9, we held our annual picnic on the beautiful back lawn of one of our members, Mrs. Chloe Gilbert. Since we had been unable to have this meeting in the spring, it became an especially enjoyable time in the renewal of friendships. The officers for the coming year were elected at this time, and we feel we have made a happy choice in our selection. These officers are: Lena Periman, President; Ann Wilton, First Vice-President; Mary Leta Bayless, Second Vice-President; Bertha Evans, Recording Secretary; Lillian Marshall, Corresponding Secretary; Matie Gilham, Treasurer; and Lucille Buchanan, Parliamentarian.

Dr. Louise Boilen met with us for the last time, and we regretted to tell her good-bye, but rejoiced that she was to go on to greater fields of usefulness. She had delayed her going just to meet this last time with us.

The weather was too bad for us to meet in October so we combined this with our November meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Pearl Hickman of Clovis. At this time our new officers were installed, and the three past-presidents, Thelma Mallory, Joanna Black, and Gillian Buchanan, spoke on the ideals of Delta Kappa Gamma. The outgoing president, Gillian Buchanan, was presented a president's pin in token of our love for her and appreciation of her services.

Again in December we had to forego the pleasure of our meeting as the weather was too bad—one of the worst storms in many years. This program had been planned around the theme "Religion in a Changing World," and was to have been in Portales.

In January we met in the library of Clovis High School to listen to a highly instructive talk on "Our Italian Neighbor in a Changing World." We were fortunate to have as speaker Lt. Mozatti who is an American officer connected with the Italian Prisoner of War Camp in Hereford, Texas. Lt. Mozatti has travelled widely and his personal experience of conditions in Italy combined

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with his knowledge of conditions in camp made for a very interesting talk. At this time we sent greetings to Miss Mary Letta Bayless, who has been called home because of the illness of her mother.

We plan to study "Our Japanese Neighbor in a Changing World" and "Our German Neighbor in a Changing World", at our next meetings. These studies are supplementary to those of last year which dealt with such subjects as the Indian, the Negro, and the Jew. At our last meeting of the year we plan to combine an initiation service with our birthday party, to welcome our new members.

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS.**Theta Chapter, Hidalgo County**

THETA Chapter of New Mexico had, no doubt, its outstanding program of the year at the meeting on January 7th. Superintendent Tom J. Mayfield of the Lordsburg Municipal Schools, and newly elected President of the New Mexico Education Association addressed the members on the subject, "The Obligation of the Teacher to the Child Victim of War."

Our chapter has contributed recently to the war effort by sending a magazine subscription to the Hospital Day Room at the Lordsburg Prisoner of War Camp.

Two candidates, Miss Wilma Windsor and Mrs. Dudley Robertson, were initiated at the November meeting.

Mrs. JAMES A. LASSALLE,
Chairman, Publications Committee.

Iota Chapter, Las Cruces

PERHAPS it may be well to introduce ourselves again. We are not really a Las Cruces chapter, but Iota Chapter is composed of teachers of Dona Ana and Sierra counties. We have five members at Hot Springs, which is eighty-six miles north of Las Cruces. The other twenty members are located at Hatch, Las Cruces, Mesilla Park, La Mesa and Anthony. The members in the south part of Dona Ana county live over a hundred miles from the members in Sierra County. So it is easy to see that in these days of shortage of gas and tires, we are not able to have a full attendance at chapter meetings.

Our first meeting in the fall was held at the home of our treasurer, Miss Ruth Nees. At this time it was decided to have the next meeting in December and to continue with one meeting each month. The December meeting was combined with a Christmas party in the home of the program chairman, Mrs. M. P. Whitney. Two members from Hot Springs were able to be with us, Mrs. Irene Hart and Mrs. Fay Umberson. Year Books were given out in the business meeting. A gift of five dollars was

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voted for the Soldiers' recreation center. At a late hour all went home, happier for having come.

New members to be initiated at the meeting January 22, are Active Members: Miss Lucile Fisher, Miss Jane Lusk. Honorary members: Mrs. Jessie Gray, Mrs. Mae Martin.

We are also to have an innovation of the Question Box which will stimulate greater interest in and knowledge of the rules and policies of Delta Kappa Gamma. This is being prepared by Edith Berrier and Coral Duggan.

Iota Chapter is proud of its hundred per cent dollar donation to the war bond drive. Besides purchasing bonds during the year, we have also donated to the Red Cross and Recreation center.

Our president and recording secretary, Mrs. Clem Russell, and Mrs. Pearl Crossett, attended the State meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma in October. One of Iota's charter members, Mrs. Emma Case, from Hatch, was also in attendance. They reported a very interesting evening meeting at the Alvarado Hotel. Initiation, a Candle Lighting Ceremony and an address by Mrs. Wallis of New Mexico University were the highlights of this meeting.

With best wishes to all Delta Kappa Gamma members everywhere and a hope that we hold together and work for the betterment of civilization, through our schools.

Very truly yours,

CLEM RUSSELL,
(Acting for Chairman of Letters and Publications who is ill at this time.)

Kappa Chapter, Alamogordo

DUE to gas rationing and the resultant transportation difficulties Kappa Chapter has reduced the number of meetings to be held this year to four, instead of the usual one meeting a month. We hope by having well planned programs, and by having as many members as possible present at each meeting, to complete our study program satisfactorily.

We expect to carry out the yearly program as suggested by National. This will include a study of the following topics: Better Selection of Teachers; Pioneer Women; and Equal Opportunities for Women. Our chapter feels fortunate in having had at our first meeting an excellent report from one of our members, Miss Lillie Denny, who is also State President, and who attended the National Conference.

Kappa Chapter is glad to welcome into its circle three new members this year.

Plans are being made for a birthday luncheon in April, to which affair we are looking forward with pleasure.

Although confronted by difficulties due to the war situation, we intend to do our best to carry on.

Ivel Davis,
Chairman, Publication Committee.

Omicron Chapter, Springer

THERE are seven members in this group, two of the seven living at distances which make it impossible for them to attend meetings.

The chapter gave the sum of \$5.00 to the National War Fund. Chapter funds were used also to buy two defense bonds.

VIRGINIA CHAPTER**Beta Chapter, Richmond**

MEMBERS of Beta Chapter, your meetings are as prisms in their dispersion of light, changingly colorful, consistently fine. From each facet of these prisms glows a light to direct your aims.

The Facet of Leadership. After an impressive installation service at the Hotel John Marshall in September, Miss Charlotte Stoakley, our loved leader of the past two years, tendered the gavel to Miss Frances Bray, who gave an inspiring challenge to the membership and then named her committees. Miss Stoakley, chairman of the Educational Leadership Committee, presented a report significant in content and objectives.

The Facet of Cooperation. To Beta Chapter came the privilege of preparing plans for the luncheon meeting of the State Executive Board at the John Marshall Hotel on October 16. The gracious State President, Miss Virginia Old, presided. Mrs. F. C. Beverley gave a vivid account of the National Conference in Chicago. Of special import were her excerpts from the dynamic messages of Dr. Stroh and Dr. Koch. On November 18, in connection with the three-day meeting of the Virginia Education Association, our chapter sponsored a dinner at the same hotel in honor of Mrs. Edith B. Joynes, president of the National Education Association and distinguished member of Gamma Chapter. Other guests were leading Virginia educators.

The Facet of Good Will. As "Women of Good Will" members of Beta Chapter, seeking a deeper understanding of internationalism, found Dr. Susan M. Lough's talk on "Aspects of Russian Democracy" thought-provoking and delightful. Dressed in Russian costumes, student members of the Public Affairs Club at Westhampton College assisted in serving a Russian Tea for the members and their guests. This unique meeting was held at the college, in November.

The Facet of Vision. Dr. Stroh's monograph, "Better Selection of Better Teachers", was reviewed at the January

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meeting held in the home of Miss Emily Royall. Even a "blackout" did not dim the animated panel discussion participated in by six members, who, with the aid of flashlights, continued the program. One auditor softly commented, "Out of the darkness about us will emerge the light".

May the members of Beta Chapter be truly "Women of Vision". May they catch and hold the gleam from these and other facets, ever looking onward and upward to Delta Kappa Gamma's goals.

(MRS.) RUTH BRADLEY VALENTINE,
Chairman of Publications
Committee.

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Beta Chapter, Texarkana

BETA Chapter, Texarkana, is composed of war profiteers! We admit it quite frankly. To gain the greatest profits from the best lessons and widest opportunities afforded women in a world at war is our business.

We have learned that "too little, too late" may, in many ways, be applicable to us; that we must make fewer things do more and more things do less. Faster than ever before we have learned to appreciate "something new, something old".

The opportunities were never greater nor more varied than now, for us to study and to evaluate situations outside our immediate fields, to participate in the wide range of activities in the front line of home defense, and to prepare ourselves better for the roles that women are to play in the postwar scheme of things. We want to be profiteers in all these matters, for we believe that as women profit, society profits, and in geometrical proportion.

Serving Beta Chapter in an official capacity are: Miss Ada Akin, Mrs. W. L. Wood, Jr., Mrs. W. E. DeVanie, Miss Vernon Winston, Mrs. R. R. Kilpatrick, Miss Alta Stewart, and Miss Edna Stokes.

In an impressive initiation ceremony following a lovely banquet in November, Mrs. F. S. Walters (Honorary), Mrs. W. C. Page (Active) and Dr. Anna Ruth Nuttall (transfer from Tau Chapter, Mexia, Texas) were added to our membership. With the exceptions of two banquets a year, our meetings are held in the homes of the members, and we do try to keep them from being "just another teachers' meeting".

THELMA KITCHENS LOOMIS,
ALMA THOMPSON DEVANIE,
Committee on Publications.

Epsilon Chapter, Pine Bluff

EPSILON Chapter's midwinter initiation meeting took place on Saturday, December 11, 1943. Luncheon was served in the Gold room. We were hap-

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py to initiate three pledges: Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Elementary Supervisor; Mrs. Ada Sanderson, English Department, Jr. High School; and Miss Frances Cobb, Fourth Grade Teacher, Sam Taylor School. Mrs. Sanderson is now working on her Master's degree, Texas University.

Our guest speaker was Mrs. Clare T. White, our State President. The Executive Board selected Miss Willie T. Hocker designer of the Arkansas Flag, as our chapter's choice of study, from among Pioneer Women of this section. An A Cappella Choir has recently been organized in our city by one of our members, Mrs. Ella Mae Wright. The chapter was glad to assist her by being responsible for one of the robes. Miss Hazel Henderson, Second Vice-President, was recently elected Superintendent of the Dollarway Schools.

INEZ S. BISHOP,
Publication Committee.

Eta Chapter, Fort Smith

OUR first meeting of the year was held at Camp Chaffee, with Miss Lorna Swafford, the hostess. Miss Swafford, a former Fort Smith teacher, is now librarian at Camp Chaffee.

At this meeting, our new president, Mrs. Maxine Chapman, gave a report on the national conference at Chicago that she attended.

On Tuesday evening, November 16, a dinner meeting was held at the Ward Hotel, at which time two new members were initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma. These new members are Miss Clyde Martin, principal of Du Val and Belle Grove Schools, and Mrs. Mildred Shermer, primary teacher at Peabody School.

MABEL MORELOCK,
Chairman of Publications.

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Alpha Chapter, DeKalb

THE Alpha Chapter of DeKalb and Ogle Counties has planned to keep members very active and busy despite the difficulty in attending all meetings. As a result of limited travel, there will be only four local meetings this year.

In July, at the new Science Building on the campus of the Northern Illinois State Teachers College, a tea was given by Alpha members to Delta Kappa Gamma members of other chapters who were attending summer session at the college. This summer tea is an annual affair and is enjoyed by all those who attend.

At the first meeting held in September, two new officers were elected. Because of the resignation of the President, Lucille Cain, who became the wife of Lieutenant Carl Appell, the members elected Florence Cook to fill the vacancy. Dr. Helen Messenger was elected second vice-president to fill the vacancy.

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caused by the transfer of Gladys Hoffman.

The Regional meeting, held in Chicago, in December, was attended by several of the Alpha members who reported an excellent meeting.

The December meeting was a Christmas party at which "white elephants" were auctioned to attending members by a very efficient auctioneer—Grace Vincent. The money was placed in the Grace E. Nix Scholarship Fund. This scholarship, honoring Grace E. Nix, an Alpha Chapter Charter member, is being sponsored by several local and college organizations to which she had belonged.

The March meeting will be held at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College in joint session with Kappa Delta Pi, honor society of the college. Panel discussants, members of the two honor societies, will present "Professional Equality in Practice" to the two groups.

In May, at an initiation and luncheon meeting to be held at Rochelle, "Our Responsibility for Future Teachers" will be discussed by chapter members.

Miss Leva Missman of Polo has contributed some splendid material to Dr. Helen Marshall's committee on Pioneer Women.

Special contributions of Alpha Chapter members to local and state educational committees are too numerous to mention. All are finding many worthwhile activities in which to use special abilities and any extra spare time to be found.

BERTHA M. BELLIS,
Letters and Publications
Committee.

Beta Chapter, McLean County

THE one summer meeting of Beta Chapter was a dinner meeting in July. At this time we enjoyed the fellowship of many visiting Delta Kappa Gamma members, who were here for the summer sessions of the two local universities, Illinois State Normal University at Normal, and Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington.

On Oct. 26, the first meeting of the year, the following new officers were installed:

President, Miss Effie Munson
First Vice-President, Miss Evelyn Todd
Second Vice-President, Miss Mary Henderson
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Vera Saar
Recording Secretary, Miss Laura Belle Sagaser
Treasurer, Miss Helen Seeley
Historian, Miss Mildred Lierman
Parliamentarian, Miss Grace Inman
At the October meeting Dr. Rose E. Parker, State President, gave suggestions for a chapter project for the year. This was followed by a report on the

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Bloomington Day Nursery and its accomplishments by a member of the Day Nursery staff.

The Legislative Committee, Mrs. Gladys Lantz, Miss Mary Ellen Krum, and Miss Margaret Kinsella, presented a report of recent legislation at the chapter meeting on November 18. The membership committee, Miss Bernalillo Williams, chairman, also reported at this meeting.

On December 16, Beta Chapter held a dinner at the Hotel Rodgers, Bloomington. Following the dinner, initiation was held for the following seven active members:

Miss Clara Brian, Home Bureau Adviser for McLean County

Miss Doreen Donaldson, primary teacher in Bent School, Bloomington

Mrs. Faye Dunbar, primary teacher at the Ben Funk Consolidated School
Miss Eileen Flinspach, home economics instructor at the Bloomington High School

Miss Louise Kohn, Leroy, Illinois, Latin, English, French teacher at Empire Township High School

Miss Gertrude Marquis, instructor in French at the Bloomington High School

Dr. Lucy Tasher, Associate Professor of Social Science at Illinois State Normal University

For the January 26 meeting, a discussion of the Equal Rights Amendment is planned by the Equal Opportunities Committee with Elizabeth Russell as chairman. Miss Anna Keaton, Dean of Women at Illinois State Normal University is a pledge to Delta Kappa Gamma but, because she was unable to attend the December meeting, initiation will be held for her at the January meeting.

On February 16 Beta Chapter will have a joint meeting with the American Association of University Women at Withers Public Library, Bloomington.

A tea for high school seniors who are interested in teaching, is planned for March 25. This meeting is in charge of Miss Mildred Lierman, Dean of Girls at Bloomington High School, assisted by Miss Eula Mathew of Normal Community High School.

Beta Chapter will be represented at the State Convention in April and the state meeting will replace the local meeting in April.

On May 20, a spring breakfast is scheduled and the title of the program is *China: Its Culture* by Miss Katherine Carver. This is the last meeting of the school year, except for a summer picnic or meeting to which the summer school members of Delta Kappa Gamma are invited.

Miss Josephine Hulva, former principal of one of the Bloomington grade schools who had been bedfast for a number of years and who was initiated as

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an Honorary member of Beta Chapter of Brokaw Hospital in 1941, was able to attend her first Delta Kappa Gamma meeting and initiation in December.

Miss Effie Munson, President of Beta Chapter, studied at the University of Chicago the past summer.

Mrs. Waneta Sedgwick Catey has transferred from Beta Chapter to the Chapter at Bellingham, Washington. She is now affiliated with Washington State Teacher's College at Bellingham.

Miss Marian Niehaus was Director of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Camp Fire Girls' Camp during the past summer.

Miss Dorothea Powless, who joined the WAVES in the second semester of last year, was married at Atlanta, Ga. on December 25, 1943, to Sergeant Harry James Ford.

Miss Frieda Reeser studied at the University of Illinois, last summer.

Two members of Beta Chapter received Bachelor of Education degrees from Illinois State Normal University, last August. They are Miss Leska Marshall and Miss Elizabeth Powell. Both are teachers in the schools of Bloomington, Illinois.

VERA SAAR,
Corresponding Secretary.

Gamma Chapter, Casey, Charleston, Decatur, Mattoon

THE officers of Gamma Chapter of Illinois for 1943-45 are: President, Florence Foster; First Vice-President, Emma Reinhardt; Second Vice-President, Maurine Johnson; Corresponding Secretary, Ethel Parkinson; Recording Secretary, Myrtle Arnold; Treasurer, Mayme Irons; Parliamentarian, Charlotte Meyer.

The following members were initiated October 30, 1943, in Decatur: Louise Green, Charleston; Roby McAmis, Decatur; Mildred Morgan, Mattoon; Mabel Nowlin, Charleston; May Smith, Charleston; Mildred Whiting, Charleston. Winnie Davis Neely, one of our past presidents, gave a delightful after-luncheon talk on "The Fourteenth Century Feminist."

December 12, the Decatur group had their annual Christmas Tea. Elizabeth Connard presented an original Christmas story.

February 17, the Decatur group is meeting with Zonta International and will present a symposium planned to acquaint Zonta members with the educational program of Delta Kappa Gamma. Mildred Price will review "The Saber Tooth Curriculum"; Charlotte Meyer will present "Our Elementary School Program"; Grace Bridges will speak on "Our Secondary School Program".

At the April 15 meeting in Mattoon, Dr. Emma Reinhardt will be in charge of a program entitled, "Better Selection of Better Teachers".

We are looking forward to being the hostess chapter for the State Convention

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to be held in Decatur at the Hotel Orlando, April 29 and 30.

Miss Nannie Saunders has as her current address, Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is connected with some educational project of one of the branches of the Armed Forces, but it is all a great secret.

Dr. Emma Reinhardt is continuing her unusual record of speech-making for Delta Kappa Gamma and is seldom to be found in Charleston on a week-end.

Dr. Elizabeth K. Lawson, as president of the State Division of the American Association of University Women, has spoken in many sections of our state. A recent P.T.A. Journal contains an article by her, written by request.

Miss Charlotte Meyer's name is appearing on an increasing number of educational committees not only in the city of Decatur but in the state.

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Epsilon Chapter, DuPage and Kane Counties

EPSILON held the first meeting on Sunday afternoon, October 3, at the home of Hazel Linkfield in Elgin. The program for the year was presented. An interesting hour of reviews of current books was given by Mrs. Walter Wilson and vacation experiences were described by members in answer to roll call, after which tea was served by the committee in charge.

Initiation services were held November 7, in Naperville at which time Miss Margaret Johnston, Principal of Holmes School, Wheaton, and Miss Ruth O'Connor, second grade teacher at Glen Ellyn, were initiated.

On December 11, Kappa and Alpha Delta Chapters were hostesses to a regional meeting in Chicago, and members of Epsilon attended.

On December 29, Epsilon was hostess at luncheon at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, given for Delta Kappa Gamma members attending the Illinois Education Association meeting. The forty-five members present decided that there should be a woman on the slate of officers, a need which the nominating committee had not recognized. Therefore, it was arranged to have Delta Kappa Gamma members nominate from the floor Miss Susan Scully as nominee for Illinois Director of the N.E.A. This was carried out and Miss Scully was elected by a large majority. This marked the first time that the report of the nominating committee had not been accepted. Dr. Rose Parker, our State president, was present at the luncheon and gave us a brief talk.

On January 8, Epsilon joined with Eta, Iota, Kappa, Rho, Alpha Epsilon, and Alpha Theta at an informal dinner in the Piccadilly Tea Room, Chicago. Fifty-one members attended. Dr. Rose Parker spoke to the group on legislation,

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emphasizing particularly the law which was passed in Illinois this year extending the aid to crippled children to include all handicapped children and a law for the education of mentally deficient children whose schools are at present badly crowded. The important bills that did not pass this year but about which we should inform ourselves are (1) minimum salary law, interest in which can be aroused during the coming year; (2) the Equal Rights Amendment, which has been such a controversial issue; and (3) Federal Aid to Education. Dr. Parker urged us not to consider ourselves merely a social group, but to live up to the purpose of our organization, and at our chapter meetings, study the Equal Rights Amendment and endeavor to arrive at a decision regarding its value. She also urged that we endeavor to present to groups other than teachers the facts about the Federal Aid Bill, so that it may receive the support of laymen. On these three pieces of legislation, Delta Kappa Gamma members should be well informed and ready to act. Discussion followed Dr. Parker's talk and concluded one of the most worthwhile meetings in which Epsilon has participated.

Mrs. Bertha Jones, a past president of Epsilon Chapter, is president of the DuPage Valley Division of the I. E. A. Miss Angeline Gale of Naperville, is president of the West Suburban Deans' Association.

The officers of Epsilon Chapter are: President, Blanche Breed. First Vice-President, Mary Driscoll. Second Vice-President, Mrs. Charlotte Anderson. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Grace Council. Treasurer, Mary Peters. Parliamentarian, Angeline Gale.

HAZEL LINKFIELD,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications Committee.

Eta Chapter, Evanston

UNUSUALLY revelatory, inspirational, and provocative of action have been the programs this year—the theme of which is Service in Wartime.

On October the twenty-sixth, Miss Agnes L. Adams, Associate Director of the Supervision Department of the National College of Education, spoke on Educational Legislation. Miss Adams is a specialist in Extended School Services, and during a five months' leave spent with the office in Washington also served in New England as regional consultant and vice president of the Association for Childhood Education.

On guest night, Chief Theo Hall of the Wilmette Police Department talked on Juvenile Delinquency. The tendency toward hysteria concerning this national situation was allayed by definite suggestions whereby our members can aid

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local organizations in helping to prevent further delinquency in our community.

On January the twelfth, Miss Elsa Schneider of the Department of Public Instruction, Springfield, Illinois, informed us of New Laws in Public Health and Physical Education.

Unique entertainment appropriate for the season followed each lecture and informal discussion.

At each meeting members brought books and magazines for the servicemen in nearby camps and trinkets for overseas servicemen to use to barter with the natives. In addition to the various war duties of the individual members, Eta Chapter has assumed the responsibility of acting as hostesses for a Service Center one night every other week. —Thus our service in wartime proceeds.

GRACE BOYD.

Omicron Chapter, La Salle

OMICRON Chapter began its September meeting with the election of officers for the ensuing biennium. There followed informal reports of summer activities, most of which were directed toward the war effort.

Ethel Bugbee, a past president, attended the national convention and organized in La Salle the Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Relief of the Tri-City Chapter of the American Red Cross. In this she was assisted by Marian Scott, who also serves as adviser to the Nutrition Committee.

To fortify her high school program in homemaking, Frances Malsbury attended a refresher course at the University of Illinois.

Genevieve Ashdown, Dean of Girls and instructor in mathematics at the Princeton High School, demonstrated her versatility by serving as hostess for the local unit of the Production, Conservation and Processing Program for Town and Farm Homes.

Though retired from teaching, Elizabeth Bowers attended the University of Chicago Reading Conference, the central theme of which was, "Adjusting Reading Programs to Wartime Needs". Several speakers at this conference were Delta Kappa Gammas.

Marguerite Laugman of Ottawa continued during the summer to write to more than sixty of her former high school pupils, now scattered over the globe, defending the Four Freedoms.

Contributing her mite to the building of army morale, Evelyn Graham worked at the Princeton Public Library so that the regular librarian might enjoy six weeks at camp with her new soldier husband.

The management of the Hotel Kaskaskia closed our first session most pleasantly by announcing that there would be no charge for the large room in which

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we were meeting. Another recognition scored!

The October meeting was called to order by the new president, Genevieve Ashdown, who paid tribute to the outgoing officers, especially the retiring president, Mary O'Halloran.

After the installation of the new officers, the president appointed all the committees and outlined plans for the year's work. It was decided that the required study of "Equal Rights" be conducted in town groups during November.

Early in December Omicron responded to the invitation of Omega Chapter to attend its initiation ceremony and luncheon in Kewanee. Dr. Rose Parker, the speaker, emphasized the need for careful study of "Equal Rights".

For the instruction of the chapter, the January meeting featured detailed reports of the new committees. The social period was devoted to learning several songs in the society's new song book.

Two spring meetings are planned. The first will be held at the Lodge at Starved Rock, where, after luncheon, the chapter will be addressed by Dr. E. B. Cushing, whose subject will be, "Planning for Peace." At our closing meeting for the initiation of new members, the history of Omicron will be read by the chapter historian, Elizabeth Bowers.

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Pi Chapter, Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties

PI Chapter of Illinois held the first meeting of the year at the Faust Hotel in Rockford on October 15. This was a luncheon meeting held at the time of the Northwestern Division Meeting of the State Education Association. At the business meeting conducted by the President, the year's activities were discussed. It was decided to dispense with some of our meetings because of inconvenient transportation facilities.

On November sixth, Pi Chapter enjoyed a delightful luncheon at Hotel Glenview at Mt. Carroll. The program consisted of selections by the Madrigal Singers of Mt. Carroll High School and an informative talk on "The Collapse of France" by Dr. Bertha Lehman of Frances Shimer College.

As in the past year, our chapter furnished over 100 pounds of candy for the Savanna U. S. O. Each member sent her candy to Miss Mabel Greve of Savanna who saw that a fresh supply of candy was taken to the center each day during the holiday season.

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS
AND PUBLICATIONS.

Rho Chapter, Will and Kendall Counties

ADINNER meeting in the home of Dr. Marion K. Bowles, September 27th, marked the opening of the year's ac-

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tivities for Rho Chapter. Following the installation of officers, the various committees met to plan their work. The program committee outlined topics for the year. These included art, literature, music, legislation and wartime activities.

In October, the chapter met in the Joliet Museum, where one of our members, Mrs. Esther Richardson, head of the art department at the Joliet Township High School, had an exhibit of forty-four of her paintings and some of her craft work. Mrs. Richardson has exhibited at the Art Institute of Chicago, at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the Chicago Galleries' Association, and the Hoosier Salon.

At the November meeting featuring "Wartime Activities on the Home Front", Miss Roberta Brown, head of the home economics department of the high school, told of the work accomplished at the canning center during the summer. Miss Louise Sullivan, teacher of physical education in a local junior high school, gave an account of her experiences as supervisor of one of Joliet's playgrounds. Miss Frances Delaney described the work of the Will County Chapter of Junior Red Cross of which she was chairman. Another member of Rho Chapter, who is very active in war work, is Miss Doris Graves, sponsor and chairman of Child Care Centers, Seneca, Illinois.

At the Regional meeting in Chicago, December 11, Miss Verna Cooley of the high school faculty participated in a discussion of the race problem. Her topic was "The Race Problem in Our Community." Rho Chapter had several representatives at the National Executive Committee Meeting at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, in August, and at the Western Suburban Chapters' dinner in Chicago, January 8.

The research committee prepared for the state files, a biography of Dr. Marion K. Bowles, Honorary State Member, and one of Miss Edna Keith, Honorary Chapter member. Dr. Bowles has practiced medicine in Joliet for many years and has served the community for a long time as a member of the high school board. Miss Keith is a prominent educator. She was formerly a critic teacher at Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, and later held the position of supervisor of the elementary grades in the Joliet City Schools.

Initiation of new members will precede our birthday dinner February 20. At the March meeting Miss Chloris Shade of the high school faculty will review the Delta Kappa Gamma Monograph. During the hour devoted to legislation the Equal Rights Amendment will be discussed and promotion of the Federal Aid Bill and the Illinois Minimum Wage Bill considered.

In April, Rho Chapter will be guests of The Friends of Literature at a formal banquet in Chicago. The May meeting will be a musical tea. August is con-

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vention month, and our president plans to attend the national meeting at Cleveland, there to greet members of sister chapters and to gain inspiration for another year of progress in Delta Kappa Gamma.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.**Psi Chapter, Saline, Gallatin, Hamilton, Wayne and White Counties**

Psi Chapter began the 1943-44 activities under the leadership of the following new officers: President, Eleanor Etherton; First Vice-President, Verbal Atkinson; Second Vice-President, Bessie Kerley; Recording Secretary, Nelle Reed; Corresponding Secretary, Velma Ogg; Treasurer, Georgia Harbison; Parliamentarian, Julia B. Atkinson.

Plans for the year's work include six regular meetings, and three successful meetings of the six have been held. At the first luncheon at Harrisburg, October 16, the members enjoyed having Miss Louise Whitechurch as guest speaker. She made an interesting talk and displayed her collection of "Dolls From Many Lands". December 11 marked a pleasant social meeting, a Christmas party, at Miss Ella Hise's apartment in Harrisburg. In order to try to solve the difficulties of transportation, Sectional Meetings were held January 15, and Miss Mignon Cheesman, Mrs. Julia B. Atkinson, Miss Eulalia Aydt, and Miss Georgia Harbison were in charge of the programs at Mt. Carmel, Mounds, McLeansboro, and Harrisburg, respectively.

An initiation for new members has been planned, and the movie, "The History of Illinois", by Mrs. Louise Heinton will be shown, February 19. April 1, a book review will be given by Miss Velma Ogg at a luncheon in Harrisburg, and the final meeting of the year will be held with Alpha Gamma Chapter at Mt. Vernon.

**BEULAH ROGERS,
Chairman, Committee on
Letters and Publications.****Alpha Gamma Chapter**

AFTER a three months' vacation, the members of Alpha Gamma began an eventful and enjoyable year in September with a dinner and business meeting. At that time we discussed plans for the year and heard especially interesting reports from the committees on legislation and research.

In October we observed our second anniversary with a birthday dinner, at which Miss Mary Entsminger of Carbondale, mother of Alpha Gamma and guest speaker, talked to us informally about the problem of delinquency among high school girls.

A winter tea at the home of the Misses Marie and Mae Stedelin was the highlight of our activities for December

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During the afternoon about fifty guests enjoyed the hospitality of the Stedelin home.

Our meeting for January assumed special significance for us when we accepted an invitation to attend the Regional meeting at Carbondale. At that meeting we participated in the installation of Alpha Kappa, a new chapter in Illinois, and also initiated six members into Alpha Gamma. Dr. Rose Parker, state president, presided at the initiation, assisted by Miss Pearl Tiley, state founder, and Miss Mary Entsminger, state chairman of the committee on National Achievement.

The initiates into Alpha Gamma were Miss Agnes Shanklin, Miss Betty Dalton, Miss Lillie Hord, and Miss Mary Louise Price of Centralia, and Mrs. Ida Smith and Miss Alveta Ross of Mt. Vernon.

With a little more than two years behind us and a chapter growing not only in numbers but also in enthusiasm, we are looking forward to our activities for the rest of the year. These include a panel discussion of the problem of juvenile protection, a book review, and a meeting in May with Psi Chapter at Mt. Vernon.

Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Kane County, Fox Valley

ILLINOIS Alpha Epsilon Chapter held its first meeting October 9, 1943, in Aurora, at the Silver Tea Pot Tea Room. Miss Gladys Serviss, Miss Agnes Johnson, and Mrs. Frances Benson were co-hostesses. Miss Mabel Garwood gave a short talk and showed a group of watercolor sketches, most of which she made during her last summer's vacation in western Michigan. Our president, Miss Dorothy Shoger, appointed her committees for the year.

On November 13, 1943, an impressive initiation ceremony and luncheon was held in St. Charles at the Hotel Baker. Miss Shoger conducted the initiation, assisted by Miss Bradshaw, Mrs. Driscoll, Miss Baker, and Miss Serviss. We received three new members: Miss Mildred Brey of Dundee, Miss Esther Samuelson of Hampshire, and Mrs. Edith Richards of Elgin.

Our Christmas party and program, planned for December 11, 1943, was voted out in favor of an invitation from the Epsilon Chapter to a regional meeting in Chicago.

We are looking forward to our March program, which is to be held in the Community House at St. Charles. Dr. Fred B. Dixon of Elgin will speak on some subject of educational interest.

Our last meeting, to be held in Elgin on May 11, 1944, promises to be both entertaining and instructive. Mrs. Hildur Anderson will have charge of the Sing; Miss Mildred Brey will speak on movies; the year's committees will make their

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reports; hostesses, Nora Hayward, Wiler-dean Gillilan, and Helen Maiden.

CHAIRMAN, LETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS.

Alpha Eta Chapter, Madison County

THE first birthday party of the Alpha Eta Chapter in May, 1943, was a joyous affair, at which we not only entertained our "Mother" the Delta Chapter, but also accepted as birthday presents six new members, Mary Margaret Quinn, Ester Culp, Hettie Pick, Josephine Barlbracke, Harriet Stevenson and Olga Querheim. At the age of one we number thirty-four members.

We are very proud of our own quartet, which gave color and rhythm to our November meeting. The Alpha Eta songsters are Grace Darling, Vera Jones, Mary Cowan and Eta Starkey. During the past year we have kept ourselves informed on federal and state legislation ably directed by the fine work of our chairman, Elizabeth Weber. We spent an interesting meeting reviewing the Constitution of our organization by the lively means of a quiz program.

As we look forward to a new year, our plans include the study and discussion of "Better Selection of Better Teachers", a copy of which has been ordered for each community represented in our chapter. So standing on tip toes, Alpha Eta sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

MARGARET HALL,
Chairman, Letters and Publications.

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Alpha Chapter, Jacksonville

THE study program for the current year, "Building for Democratic Equality", was inaugurated at the regular monthly meeting on November 4, 1943.

Miss Margaret McClellan presented a documented study of the Equal Rights Amendment and led the discussion. The history of the amendment, its good and bad points, lessons to be learned from past defeats, and tactics for the future, combined to integrate a useful and thought-provoking meeting. Members are indebted to the speaker for conscientious research and a clear exposition of this vital topic, which will be carefully followed through succeeding phases of legislation and public interest.

The Christmas meeting was held on December 2, in the Silver Room of the Seminole Hotel. The invocation, in the gentle, strong, pure voice of Beulah Milam Warner, set the key for the evening. This voice has taught the love of God and of Country, courage of conviction, honor, and truth, and has inspired integrity in fighting hearts on every battle front in all the world. God was with us in those moments and united

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us with all men and women everywhere, tried in the stupendous hazards of war but determined to stand firm for truth and freedom.

The table, bright and gay with the red and gold of Christmas and of Delta Kappa Gamma, and the traditional turkey dinner, American and unrationed, revived memories and implied the promise of endless American Christmases to come.

A liberty ship was recently christened Napoleon Bonaparte Broward in honor of one of Florida's builders and leaders of men, governor and senator, by his widow, a pioneer in education and a leader in her own right. Mrs. Broward was unanimously elected an honorary member of Alpha Chapter, and the governor's sister, Hortense Broward, beloved teacher and honorary member, was presented with our Delta Kappa Gamma roses by the president, Clevie H. Cullum.

Edja Stenwall and her mother sang the Swedish "Hosanna", according to our Christmas custom, and led the carol singing. Each member read, by the gleam of her Christmas candle, a Biblical interpretation or promise of light.

Mrs. H. M. Archibald told a story of a Christmas miracle on an Alabama plantation.

In our quiet, beautiful room, filled with friendship, Alpha Chapter was a unit in the Christmas observance of a society of 19,000 women dedicated, with high courage, to continue to preserve and advance the education of American children, and, when opportunity comes, the free education of all children the world over. Another Christmas has passed, in the relentless, surging forward-march of all human beings of good will towards freedom and knowledge for all.

On January 6 we returned to our program study, the subject being "Children in Wartime". Mrs. Dorothy Calmes outlined the nursery school and after-school care of children of employed mothers in Jacksonville. Mrs. Fisackerly reported, in orderly detail, the program for finding the best place for the retarded child of fourteen, in the vocational school. These war emergency measures, inaugurated to meet community needs, acute because of war conditions, will doubtless continue as part of the permanent school and community programs for intelligent care of children in Jacksonville.

The new year book was then examined and cordially approved. Eight new members were elected to Alpha Chapter.

FRANCES REED,
Member of Letters and Publications Committee.

Gamma Chapter, Hillsborough, Pinellas and Manatee Counties

"**T**HREE will be regular meetings of Gamma Chapter this year in spite of gasoline, tire and food rationing!" Words to this effect were spoken by Miss Mary Bainum, our new president,

at the first meeting in Tampa on the second of October. This was an installation meeting. Other officers installed were: Vice-President, Mrs. Louise Hoobler; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Beatrice Allgood; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Frances Nippert; Treasurer, Miss Martha Kelley; and Parliamentarian, Mrs. Mary Ross. Five other meetings were scheduled at this meeting.

As I listened to our members discuss the topics: Teachers belong to the front line of defense, How can we educate for victory? and How can we underwrite victory? at our November meeting in Tampa, I was glad that I was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Our attractive yearbooks have a red cover with the emblem of the society in gold on the front. Our programs for the rest of the year follow the national plan.

At an impressive initiation service in December, six new members were welcomed to Gamma Chapter, making a total of forty-four active and three honorary members. New members are: Mrs. Lela Jordan, Mrs. Almarine Maney Merrin, Miss Hortense Mintz, Mrs. Helen Schroeder, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, and Mrs. Ethel Wolverton.

Miss Marguerite Morse and Miss Anna Appleby have received new titles and new responsibilities in the Pinellas schools this year. Miss Morse is head of the Science and Mathematics Departments and supervises the work in these departments while Miss Appleby has the same responsibility in the Social Studies Department. Both are excellent teachers and are making real contributions to the educational program of the county.

All Gamma members are busy and happy with their school work and other activities including all kinds of war work. We are looking forward to chapter meetings in 1944.

VERA DUMAS,
Chairman of Letters and Publications Committee.

Epsilon Chapter, Miami

WARTIME curtailments on time and transportation have served only to strengthen Epsilon Chapter in its policy to hold nine regular meetings during 1944.

Other limitations, such as inability to find speakers, have spurred the resourcefulness of the members, who, themselves, will develop this year's two-part program: "Progress of Delta Kappa Gamma" and "The Other Americans." Marjorie Weatherup is the program director.

Vernice McNeil, dean of girls at Andrew Jackson high school, was installed chapter president at the September meeting. Other newly-installed officers, all of whom were elected last May, are Julia Tanner, first vice-president; Gertrude Shaffner, second vice-president; Thomas Abernathy, corresponding sec-

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retary; Esther Livingston, recording secretary; Edith Chase, treasurer, and Zella McWhorter, Parliamentarian.

Two new members, Mrs. Pearl Davis and Mrs. Florence Cadwallader, were initiated at the Christmas meeting, bringing the total active membership to thirty, plus one associate and one honorary member.

The annual Christmas party and exchange of gifts was dispensed with, the funds instead being used to finance a welfare project. Members are participating in USO and Red Cross work and in soliciting donors for the blood bank of Dade County.

Several members are holding outstanding positions in the Dade County Classroom Teachers' Association. Verne McNeil, chapter president, has been elected first vice-president of the association, while Marion Davis is treasurer. The latter will teach a class in physical education at the University of Miami during the spring semester. Valera Gregory represents Andrew Jackson high school in the classroom teachers' association for the third consecutive term, and sponsors the War Activities club at her school. Vivian Gross has been elected to serve for an indefinite period on the executive board of the association as representative from the Teachers' Credit Union.

Flags from four Pan-American countries have been presented Miriam Wheeler for her activities in the Pan-American League and recognition has been given her in the League's newspaper. Edith Chase has been made principal of the elementary school at Opa Locka, while Addie Boyd has been made head of the Social Science Department at Miami Beach high school. Willette Vogh is chairman of the Social Studies Group for both junior and senior high schools in Dade County. Luella Dolan now is assistant supervisor of the government nursery schools in Dade County.

Alice Kahl, personnel clerk for the Dade County board of public instruction, has accepted membership in the Zonta club, national professional women's organization. Roby Quackenbush, the chapter's one honorary member, is captain of the War Chest drive on La Gorce island and is a block leader for the Dade County Defense Council.

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS.**Eta Chapter**

ETÀ Chapter held a delightful luncheon meeting at the Lake Hotel, DeFuniak Springs, on Saturday, December 11, 1943, with installation of new officers. Although the number attending was small, due to transportation problems, the few in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the good fellowship and informality of the occasion. The table was tastefully arranged with centerpiece of

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bronze marigolds and sprays of kumquats, the place cards being in white and gold.

After a delicious plate, the members retired to a private room, where the following officers were installed for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Gracie Ashmore, Graceville, Fla.

First Vice-President, Mrs. Ruby Rose Rogers, DeFuniak Springs

Second Vice-President, Miss Virginia Yonge, Pensacola

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frances McGeechy, Chipley

Recording Secretary, Miss Olive Swearingen, Pensacola

Treasurer, Miss Ocie Clubbs, Pensacola

A discussion as to future meetings followed. It was unanimously decided to hold a meeting in the early spring, at which time the new officers will begin their active work for the chapter. This chapter has been pleasantly active under the enthusiastic leadership of the president, Miss Maude Saunders, DeFuniak Springs, to whom is due its success and growth.

MRS. RUBY ROSE ROGERS,
Corresponding Secretary.

Lambda Chapter, Polk County

LAMBDA Chapter members were luncheon guests of members from Lakeland at the home of Mrs. Gladys Glover. A business and program meeting followed. The Constitution was studied and correlated with the 1941 Handbook.

Since Lambda is young and still small, we have appointed only those committees which we felt were of immediate need. Increased membership and activities will add other committees.

Program: Miss Margaret Green, Miss Dorothy Oliver, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Jackson. Membership: Mrs. Dora Phillips, Miss Ann Munch, Miss Mildred Swearingen. Legislation: Mrs. Gladys Glover, Miss Gladys Teed, Miss Beryl McMillan. Pioneer Women and Letters and Publications: Miss Helen Earley, Mrs. Effie Sensabaugh, Miss Louise Oates. Equal Opportunities for Women Teachers: Miss Ann Munch, Mrs. Zelma Owenby, Miss Dorothy Oliver. Auditing: Mrs. Zelma Owenby, Miss Louise Oates, Miss Helen Earley.

MARGUERITE LUMPKIN,
President.

TENNESSEE CHAPTERS**Zeta Chapter, Knoxville**

ON November 30th, Zeta Chapter of Tennessee joined with Pi Lambda Theta and City and County Teachers' Leagues, in a study of the Code of Ethics for the Tennessee Teachers. The discussion was led by Dr. John A. Thachston of the University of Tennessee.

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The annual Christmas party was held on December 6, at the Y.W.C.A. The program, consisting of music and readings by the city school children, was under the able direction of Miss Annie Sue Maghee.

On January 28, a forum was held by Zeta Chapter and the American Childhood Education Group, at the Church Street Methodist Church. Dr. Maycie Southall was the speaker. Her subject was "Teachers and Children in a World at War."

At the close a reception was held in the church parlors. Much credit for the success of this meeting and reception should go to Miss Pearl McCraken and her committee and to Mrs. Edna Benson, President of Zeta Chapter, and Miss Margaret Crowder, President of the American Childhood Education Group.

The following new pledges will be initiated at our February meeting: Helen Watson, Mrs. Ruth Petree, Evelyn Cockrell, Esther Earnest, Catherine Allen, Mildred Blair, Mrs. Pauline Ware and Colleen Bennett.

(MRS.) JOHNNIE ELLA HAGGARD,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications.

Eta Chapter, Clarksville

OVERCOMING the serious problem of transportation, the Eta Chapter has thus far had three well attended meetings with timely programs. At a called meeting in January the chapter had as its guest speaker the State President, Dr. Mildred Dawson, who brought an inspiring message to the chapter. Two other programs are scheduled for the year—March and April.

Outside work being done by the chapter consists in work at the USO, at the Red Cross, and at U. S. War Bond Sale Booths. The members of the chapter have purchased United States Bonds amounting to \$14,091, and have not been sparing of their time and talents in any worthwhile movement.

One innovation this year, which has added verse and inspiration to the chapter, has been the dinner meetings followed directly by the programs and business meetings. This has been especially advantageous to those teachers coming from a distance.

Under the efficient leadership of the president, Miss Grace Post, the chapter is alert and doing splendid work in various fields.

ANNE LAURIE HUFF,
Chairman of Letters
and Publications.

Theta Chapter, Madison and Chester Counties

OUR year's work began on September 18, under the leadership of Mrs. Irene Foy. The meeting was held in the home

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of Mrs. Osa King, Henderson. The National Program was studied and plans made for the year. The Problem of Juvenile Delinquency was chosen as the major study for the four meetings to be held.

Since it seemed unwise to attempt the use of transportation facilities to hold the usual State meeting, Dr. Mildred Dawson, our State President, arranged to hold regional meetings. She chose Jackson as the place for the West Tennessee Regional meeting. We were happy to forego the pleasure of our October meeting in favor of the regional meeting in November.

On November 6 Dr. Dawson called the meeting to order at the New Southern Hotel, Jackson. In addition to the membership of Theta Chapter, there were present: delegates from Epsilon, Kappa, and Omicron Chapters. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable in the history of Theta Chapter. A beautiful spirit of harmony and of oneness of purpose made the meeting a success from the opening at ten o'clock, through the lovely initiation ceremony, throughout the luncheon and Dr. Dawson's challenging address on "The Future of Delta Kappa Gamma." Dr. Dawson's presence was an inspiration. We were proud to have as our initiate Dr. Blanche Rousseau-Evans, Professor of Elementary Education at Lambuth College.

On December 19 we had a luncheon meeting at the New Southern Hotel, Jackson, which was presided over by Mrs. Frank Mercer, Vice-President, in the absence of Mrs. Foy. Maggie Jo Gray read a paper on "The Code of Ethics of the Tennessee Education Association," which had been prepared by Mrs. Irene Foy. This dissertation was so well arranged and the subject so timely that the members voted to have it published, as a means of advancing the educational cause for which the chapter stands.

Members are looking forward to the meeting to be held on March 19. At that time Juvenile Delinquency Problems will be the subject for discussion. This will be under the leadership of Mrs. Annie Davidson, Henderson, and Mrs. Eugene DeLoach, Jackson.

We have sponsored one community meeting in collaboration with other organizations. On November 5, Dr. Dawson spoke in the Chester County High School, Henderson, to the following groups: Chester County Teachers' Association, Freed-Hardeman Student Branch of A. C. E. and to Theta Chapter members in Chester County. Her subject, "Teacher Recruitment," was well received.

We are taking pride in two facts: first, attendance at all meetings has been good, in spite of transportation difficulties; second, not one of our members has left the teaching profession, despite attractive offers from other fields.

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We extend sympathy to three members, each of whom lost her mother during the year. These are: Mary Lake, Ruth Stinson, and Mary Still.

(MRS.) J. N. MALLORY,
Chairman of Letters and
Publications Committee.

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Alpha Chapter, Mid-Hudson Area

BEFORE our new year officially opened, Alpha Chapter members were saddened by the loss of one of their most loyal and esteemed honorary members, Mrs. Clara van den Berg, who passed away at her home in New Paltz on September eleventh, 1943. Her keen interest in education, her charm, grace, and sincerity were an inspiration to all who knew her.

Our first meeting was held at the home of the president. Three new members were initiated at this time: Mrs. Amy Bull Crist, Miss Flora Davison, and Miss Bertha Tait. The latter is an honorary member. The initiation was followed by a luncheon at the Old Fort tea room, and a review of the Federal Aid bill was presented by Dr. Roland G. Will, State Teachers' College, New Paltz, N. Y.

Because of transportation difficulties during the winter months, local group meetings have replaced those of the regular chapter meetings. One of our topics for discussion will be "The Teacher Shortage, and What It Means to the Youth of Our Country." A round robin letter keeps us in touch with the activities of Alpha members in other communities.

We are already looking forward to our spring meeting to be held at the Dingee camp on Lake Katrine.

GERTRUDE M. THOMPSON,
President.

Gamma Chapter, Westchester County

GAMMA Chapter opened its year's activities with a tea at the St. Regis Hotel, New York City, on October 23rd. Miss Elizabeth Elliot, Past President, conducted the installation of new officers. Our State President, Dr. Lolabel Hall, officiated at the initiation ceremony at which three new members joined our ranks: Miss Margaret Henningsen of Port Chester, Miss Mabel Richards and Miss Mary Abbie Dartt of Bronxville.

The President conducted the business meeting and called for committee reports. She reported twenty-two active committees among which are two new ones, one for Chapter Information and another for War Activities. At the request of the President, Mrs. Georgia Pearson gave a moving tribute to our two late members, Mrs. Gertrude Smith and Miss Anne Vanston, both of Yonkers.

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While the members stood in silence, the chapter choir sang the Delta Kappa Gamma "Requiem". The yearbook committee presented a very attractive yearbook containing the President's Message, the committee lists, and the names and addresses of our one hundred twenty-two chapter members. The social and program committees contributed the report of the year's activities, among which are:

December 11, 1943, luncheon meeting at the Savoy Plaza Hotel with Miss Elsa Brookfield, Past State President, as speaker.

March 4, 1944, luncheon meeting at the Essex House with Dr. Mary Beard, Honorary National Member, as speaker.

May 20, 1944, Founders' Day informal dinner.

The informal events include the Ballet Theater in November, a theater party in December, a concert in February, and a visit to a famed beauty salon in April.

Gamma extends a very warm welcome to any fraternity member who may be visiting New York or its environs. We shall be most happy to welcome guests.

MARJORIE V. WILKINS,
President.

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Delta Chapter, Douglas County

LAST September found Delta Chapter very busy laying plans for the new year. Committees which put every member to work were appointed. The program committee which consisted of Ottola Wurmback, Mabel Bedell, Fanny Hayes, Vera Rasmussen, and Ethel Hunsaker worked hard and long in the weeks between the National Convention and the September meeting, in order to be able to present what they hoped would prove a valuable program for the year 1943-44. Those phases of the national program which seemed best suited to Douglas County were utilized.

Of course at the September meeting we looked forward to the convention reports. Pearl Donoho reported on the National Education Association meeting in Indianapolis; Ethel McAfee reviewed the Nebraska Education and Industry Conference in Lincoln; Ethel Hunsaker gave the outstanding events of the National Delta Kappa Gamma Executive Board and Committee meetings in Chicago.

October was brimful of good things. We proudly initiated as active members from Omaha Miss Ruth Musil, lower grades, Central Park School; Mrs. Mabel Plummer, primary department, Druid Hill School; Miss Edna Snell, eighth grade, Rosehill School, and Miss Yvette Williams, seventh grade, Minne Lusa School, bringing our total membership to forty-six. (Dear Delta Chapter, have you grown too fast for your tender years? We pray that you may profit

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rather than lose because of your growth. Follow carefully the advice of the State and National organizations, and surely all will be well.) The following officers who had been elected last May were installed: Ethel Hunsaker, president; Gertrude Reynolds, first vice-president; Helen Robinson, second vice-president; Ethel McAfee, corresponding secretary; Lula Pritchard, recording secretary; Pearl Donoho, parliamentarian; and Iva Winterfield, treasurer. (The president, parliamentarian, and treasurer are serving their second terms.) At the conclusion of these ceremonies the new yearbooks, which were dedicated to Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, were given out. The collect used at the banquet immediately following was written by our own Fanny Hayes. It reads: "God of our fathers, known of old, may our knowledge of Thee, in these dark days, be deep, abiding, and resourceful. May it teach us Thy holy way of joyous service, guide us that we may be controlled in thought and deed, and help us that we may walk with Thee, ever growing in goodness, truth, and grace. "Lead us, O King eternal,

Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing
Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly kingdom comes."*

Amen.

Congratulations, Fanny Hayes!

Our program was delightful and instructional. Students of Technical High School under our music chairman, Mrs. Etta May Davis, furnished vocal and instrumental music. Miss Hilda Maehling, national second vice-president, told us of the death of the Federal Aid Bill as she had just witnessed it in Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Edith B. Joynes, National Education Association president, spoke on "Better Selection of Better Teachers." Miss Ella Blunk, State president, brought us greetings from the state and an invitation to attend the organization of Zeta Chapter the following week at Lincoln, Nebraska. (Helen Kuncl, Ottola Wurmbach, and Ethel Hunsaker accepted.)

Does it ever seem to you that the best part of your meetings is the friendly personal contacts you make with your members and your visitors? We so enjoyed exchanging ideas with our ten visitors from Beta Chapter, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Miss Blunk, Miss Maehling and Mrs. Joynes! We gained much from these distinguished guests, and feel highly honored to have had the privilege of their counsel.

The November meeting was held at 4 p. m. in the Lecture Hall of the Joslyn Memorial, Omaha's art center. It was

*E. Shurtleff—L. Watson Hymns of the Centuries (1914) p. 289 American Baptist Publication, Philadelphia, Pa.

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open to the public and we had a splendid audience—good in size, ideal in interest. A panel discussion was presented, the theme of which was "Knotty Problems at the Peace Table." Participants were: Mrs. Staley, Assistant Director of Junior Red Cross, Moderator; Rabbi Goldstein, Rector of Beth El Synagogue; John Schuetz, History instructor, Technical High School; P. T. Thompson, Principal of Columbian School; Mrs. C. K. Ross, Board of Education; Mrs. Arthur P. Guiou, News Commentator; Miss Pearl Donoho, Social Studies instructor, Technical High School. This was the third public meeting sponsored by us since our organization in 1941. We have had requests for more meetings of this type at closer intervals and will attempt to satisfy the demand another year.

Our December Musical Tea was given at the Woman's Club, with South High School furnishing the music. We had a splendid opportunity to get acquainted with each other, which is very essential to harmonious work. We find our time so full of business and program at most meetings that we do not get to know our fellow members as well as we should. This has been true especially since we can't drive and must spend an hour or more getting home.

January's committee reports were interesting. They showed that Delta Chapter has been busy indeed in carrying forward the work of Delta Kappa Gamma. The advertising chairman, Anhelene Tauchen, reported a \$7.00 advertisement for the Bulletin sold to the Blackstone Hotel; the art department, headed by Ann Myers, is planning the covers for the Scrap Book and the Delta Chapter History Book. Ann has skillfully illustrated each autobiography. The courtesy chairman, Ebba Jacobson, and her group have brought cheer to our members and members of their families with flowers, cards and telephone calls. Florence Reynolds, educational leadership and the international crisis chairman, announced that our chapter is 100% in contributions to the Victory Fund. (This includes membership up to October 1, 1943.) Lois McKean, head of our history committee, has worked hours in getting material and preparing it for our book, which we hope to finish before the State Convention; the legislation report was given by Ethel McAfee who had just returned from the State School Board Association meeting held at Fremont. She reviewed the meeting, stressing legislative problems and the talks related to them. Charlotte Meadows and her group are to be congratulated on the publicity we have had this year, not only in the city paper, but in the local papers as well. They are attempting to get space in the NSEA Journal and the OEA Quarterly, our local educational magazine. The membership committee presented enough names to bring our enrollment to fifty, the figure at

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which we plan to close our chapter membership. Mrs. Monetha Carlson, English teacher at Monroe School and Mrs. Glee Meier, physical education director at Florence School, with two others yet to be chosen will be initiated in February. This committee also requested recommendations for membership to present to the state committee for the organization of a second chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Omaha. The music committee plans to organize a Delta Chapter Music Group. They will appear on the program in February. Thankfully the necrology committee has been idle. The scholarship committee purchased a \$100 bond last fall and is working toward another. Members of the social committee have proved themselves cordial hostesses and able to create simple beauty with very little expense this year. (They felt this essential in these strenuous times.) At last, but not least, the telephone committee, headed by Dorothy Dietrich, deserves our sincere thanks. The members have faithfully and efficiently delivered many messages to the rest of us, thus saving the expense of mail service.

The program in January was a valuable one. Charlotte Meadows discussed the Monograph prepared by Delta Kappa Gamma; Mabel Bedell and Vera Rasmussen gave the history of Delta Kappa Gamma and told of its outstanding personalities; Lois McKean had charge of the constitutional quiz and the review of the Greek alphabet.

In February, Helen Robinson, chairman of the equal opportunities for women committee, will present Mrs. Margaret Fischer Cooper, barrister, who will speak on "The Rights of Women under Nebraska Laws." Mrs. Cooper is a brilliant and interesting talker—she is outstanding in her field.

We anticipate a good meeting in March with three of our own members in charge. The theme is to be "The Enrichment of Women Teachers' Personal Lives by Adequate Information with Respect to Community Affairs" by Fanny Hayes; with Respect to National Problems by Grace McLain; with Respect to International Relations by Myrtle Hicks.

Dr. Stroh writes that she will probably visit Nebraska in April, and those of you who have heard her speak know that it is an event to be cherished, not only because of the honor the presence of our national president brings, but also because of the great wisdom she imparts and the beauty with which she expresses that wisdom.

If transportation permits, many of us will attend the state convention in April. Our guest speaker for our own April meeting is to be Frank Fogarty of the Chamber of Commerce who will speak on "Whole-hearted and Active Participation in Socio-civic Affairs."

The Founders' Day Luncheon will be

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held May 7. Louise W. Mears, librarian of the Historical Museum, Lincoln, Nebraska, will speak on "Contributions of Nebraska Pioneer Women in Education." A candle lighting service in memory of our national founders will close the day.

Delta Chapter is delighted that her members are being placed on important state committees. Last summer Ethel McAfee, Pearl Donoho, and Ethel Hunsaker participated in the Nebraska Education and Industry Conference; Pearl Donoho, Charlotte Meadows, Etta Murphy, Florence Reynolds, and Gertrude Reynolds were delegates to the Delegate Assembly of the Nebraska State Education Association; and Ethel McAfee represented Rho State at the Nebraska State School Board Association at Fremont, Nebraska.

We are exceedingly proud of Etta Murphy, whose rural school received superior rating from Wayne Reed, State Superintendent; of Pearl Donoho, who was made NEA Director of Nebraska; of Gertrude Reynolds, who was elected president of her P. E. O. Chapter; of our high membership record in the local, state and national educational organizations.

And now we await the birth of our sister. We are ready to help her to understand, appreciate, enjoy and serve Delta Kappa Gamma. May our fellowship be all that the mother organization could desire.

ETHEL HUNSAKER,
President.

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Gamma Chapter, Wood, Marathon
and Portage Counties

GAMMA Chapter is composed of members from Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties. Our meetings are held on Saturdays following noon luncheons. Informal discussion follows topics which are given by various members. Two discussions which proved interesting and timely were: "What Can Be Done to Keep Teachers in the Profession?" and "The School's Part in Alleviating the Emotional Effect of Wartime Strain on Children." Our seventh meeting will be "Just Fun."

Gamma Chapter presented a figurine of Wisconsin's beloved Nellie Kedzie Jones at the state meeting held in Milwaukee. The costuming of the figurine was expertly done by Miss Bessie Mae Allen, a former state president of Delta Kappa Gamma and a Gamma Chapter member.

INGA FIRNSTAHL,
President.

Delta Chapter, Milwaukee

IN September, the executive committee of Delta Chapter, Wisconsin, met with the president for tea and the establishing of committees and policies for the current year.

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At the first chapter meeting, October 26, in the Hotel Wisconsin, Gerda Wittman, chairman, presented the year's calendar of eight meetings, three of which being designed as business meetings and four as special programs on China, Scandinavia, South America, and Russia—their folkways, culture, and possible contributions to the coming new world order, each program to be led by a member or members "who had been there".

The eighth meeting—in reality its second—Delta Chapter assisted in welcoming Sigma State organization to its November convention, timed to coincide with the Wisconsin State Teachers' Convention, a wartime cooperation.

On December 4, Elizabeth Thorington was hostess at Milwaukee Downer Seminary where she is head of the lower school. The chapter authorized purchase of copies of the monograph, "Better Selection of Better Teachers", one each to be presented to the five colleges located in Milwaukee, the public library, the College Women's Club, the Milwaukee Teachers' Association; and one for the chapter's own use. Following Hattie Anderson's vivid characterization of Nellie Kedzie Jones, Wisconsin's Figurine of the Year, Dr. Ella Hanawalt, whose years of living and teaching in China have enriched her understanding, gave a stimulating talk on the Chinese government from The Monarchy in 221 B. C. to the present day, including an exceedingly lucid explanation of The Double Five Constitution. Good discussion continued over cider and doughnuts.

In January, the chapter welcomed as transfers Miss Gertrude McGuire from Gamma, Stevens Point and Mrs. Esther Sommerfield from Alpha, Madison, Wisconsin; also Miss Dora Sharp of Theta, Macomb, Illinois, with whose coming, our membership totals fifty-six. But we give up graciously too, and are pleased to note that our own Dr. Amy Gilbert is an honored Rhode Island Founder; and that Zeta, Lincoln, Nebraska, is to share with us the fine mind of Louise Mears.

Our new members will be initiated preceding our dinner meeting, February 12, at The Pfister. The program, "Scandinavia" is in charge of Josephine Lane who, in the days of peace, vacationed and wrote choice poems there.

HELEN HOUGHTON GREEN,
Chapter President.

Theta Chapter, La Crosse, Buffalo,
Monroe and Trempealeau Counties

THETA Chapter had its first meeting in October. Dinner at Trane's Tea Room was followed by a business meeting and social good time at the home of the president. The program chairman submitted plans for the year and there was a general discussion on interesting facts about our organization.

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Several of our members attended the state meeting in Milwaukee. They shared the inspiration and information they received with other members at our November meeting, which was held at the home of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Myrtle Oltman. A talk on recent legislation of interest to our members was given by Miss Theodora Taras. It was unanimously agreed that Theta Chapter would buy yarn and make an afghan for the Red Cross. The business meeting was followed by a social hour.

January's program was a round table on the teacher as a citizen. Local teachers who have taught five years or less were guests. We also had as guest Mrs. Edna Goldsmith, of New Lisbon, who was initiated into the state organization at Milwaukee in November. A lively, provocative discussion was held. Members and guests became better acquainted over their coffee and doughnuts and games of Zioncheck.

How the community can help select effective teachers will be the topic for discussion at the February meeting. Guests will be representatives from the high schools, teacher's college and women's organizations.

In March and April the program will be on the culture of the Czechs living in La Crosse. This is a continuation of the studies made last year on the culture of the Assyrians, Greeks and Poles.

A Founders' Day dinner and initiation of members in May will conclude the program for the year. We hope we shall be able to get together for one or two picnics this summer. There are many ideal picnic spots near La Crosse and we should be glad to prove it to any members of Delta Kappa Gamma who are in this vicinity.

All of our members are helping in the war effort in many ways, in addition to their regular teaching or administrative jobs, which are a very important part of our war program.

JESSIE E. CALDWELL,
President.

Iota Chapter, Marinette

IOTA Chapter was organized April 25, 1941. The charter membership of twelve grew to eighteen. Four members transferred and with two non-payment, there is a membership at present of twelve.

The chapter has enjoyed many interesting and profitable meetings since its organization. At the last meeting held at the home of one of the members, the program committee began this year's program with a School of Instruction to better acquaint Iota's members with the objectives and functions of our Delta Kappa Gamma organization. The program for our next two meetings will center around a study of the Monograph "Better Selection of Better Teachers" issued by the National Organization.

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Last year, the program centered around "Women in War Work." Movies on this subject were also shown. The life of Mary Bradford, a pioneer in Wisconsin's Educational Work was studied.

At our meetings the Greek Alphabet and the Constitution are studied. A Song Fest is much enjoyed with one new Delta Kappa Gamma song learned at each meeting. The social phase is much emphasized and a jolly get-together follows the meat of the program. At all of the meetings, there has been an almost 100% attendance, exemplifying the interest manifested by the group.

In January, our chapter cooperated with other clubs of the city in sponsoring a nationally known speaker, Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, lecturer and youth counsellor, who spoke in the evening on behavior problems (juvenile delinquency). During the day, the speaker gave two lectures at the Senior and Junior high schools of the city and conducted conferences with high school students. "Human Relations in the Classroom" was the topic discussed by Mrs. Phillips at the teachers' meeting after school.

Iota has written our Senators regarding the Federal Aid Bill.

The President, Miss Rose Havelek, attended the National Convention at St. Louis in 1941. Nine chapter members attended the State Convention at Wausau in 1942 and three candidates were initiated at that time. In 1943 at the State Convention at Milwaukee, one candidate was initiated.

CHRISTINE CHRISTENSEN,
ELSIE SANDBERG,
Committee on Letters
and Publications.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER
Zeta Chapter, St. Paul

LATIN American Literature, chosen by Zeta as its part in the state program, will dominate the March and May meetings of the chapter. St. Paul and Minneapolis chapters have been invited by Zeta to attend the March meeting, at which the speaker will be Miss Sarah Norris, Dean of Women at Mankato State Teachers' College. Miss Norris, who has spent a number of years in Latin America, will give the background for the literature, a symposium on which will supply the entertainment for the May meeting. Various committees have been working on this for several months, assisted by material supplied by Miss Dora Smith of the College of Education of the University, a prominent member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

The state meeting will be held in St. Paul this year in March; also Zeta will initiate a new member then—Miss Mildred Coburn.

The year started with the October meeting, at which a debate on the Equal Rights amendment was the outstanding feature. The two sides were presented

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by Miss Katharine Tschida and Miss Maude Harvey, followed by a group discussion. The guest of honor was Miss Birdella Ross, state president.

Reading and discussion of the president's message was combined with the business meeting in November.

Christmas was the keynote of the December meeting, held at the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Eleanor Comant. The initiation of two new members, Miss Beasie Mulholland and Miss Marian Boggs, enabled us to introduce them to Delta Kappa Gamma under the happiest circumstances.

We feel the year under our new president, Miss Edna Gould, has been both interesting and profitable.

MARY E. COPLEY,
Chairman of Publications
Committee.

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Alpha Chapter, Davenport

AWARENESS of the serious problems which must be met by teachers caused the members of Alpha Chapter to develop plans for the presentation of stimulating programs concerning the theme "Meeting the Challenge of a Changing World". At the suggestion of our president, Miss Helen Ludwig, interesting committee reports have greatly increased our knowledge of the work which is being done by our own and other Delta Kappa Gamma chapters.

At our October meeting, an analysis of postwar problems was presented by Dr. Charles E. Snyder whose extensive study of that subject made his lecture a truly inspiring one. Miss Agnes Kerrigan and Miss Rosemary Downey reported the findings of their research pertaining to the accomplishments of committees and individuals who are working to further equal opportunities for women teachers.

On January thirteenth, the members of the legislative committee discussed the results of their study. Miss Mary Baker, county chairman of the N. E. A. War and Peace Fund told of the progress of this project. At the conclusion of her talk Alpha Chapter voted that ten dollars be contributed to the fund. Miss Lucille Burianek, president of the Scott County Teachers' Association, gave the details of the Eleven Point Blue Print for the Future as offered to the executive committee of the Iowa State Teachers' Association. Miss Germaine Mohr explained the working of the new Iowa Code Commission and its postwar planning.

We are looking forward to our chapter's birthday dinner, which will be held on February twenty-sixth. At that time another committee will inform us concerning what they have learned about the progress of Delta Kappa Gamma.

The "challenge of a changing world" has also been impressed upon us because a number of our members have secured new positions. Our most recent loss was Miss Catharine Hoskins who is now supervising head of the mathematics department and critic teacher at the State Teachers' College, Minot, North Dakota.

M. VIVIENNE CHEEK,
Chairman of Publications
Committee.

Beta Chapter, Council Bluffs

BETA Chapter began its 1943-1944 activities September 25, with the installation of the following officers: Miss Doris Killins, President; Miss Carol Simonson, First Vice-President; Miss Barbara Johnson, Second Vice-President; Miss Pearl Reed, Recording Secretary; Miss Clara Louise Gathmann, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Norma Hughes, Parliamentarian; Miss Ruth Enlow, Treasurer. Monthly meetings are scheduled for the year, with "Enriching Teachers' Personal Lives" the general theme for the programs.

Our new president, Miss Doris Killins, formerly teacher of English in Thomas Jefferson High School, was promoted to the principalship of Madison Elementary School, in August.

Miss Agnes Samuelson, Executive Secretary of the Iowa State Teachers Association and a State Founder of Delta Kappa Gamma, was our honored guest and speaker at the dinner meeting held at Hotel Chieftain during the Southwest Iowa Teachers Convention in October.

On November 4, members of Beta Chapter journeyed across the river to Omaha, where they were guests of Delta Chapter, Rho State at initiation ceremonies and dinner at Hotel Blackstone. Mrs. Edith B. Joynes, President of the National Education Association, and member of Gamma Chapter, Virginia, was the guest speaker.

At our November meeting, Mrs. Barbara Etherton Murray, a recent bride, was honored during the social hour, and presented with a wedding gift.

A Christmas party was enjoyed in December, with an appropriate program of Christmas stories and carols, and an exchange of gifts.

Beta Chapter will initiate new members in February. At the dinner program which will follow the initiation ceremonies, our fifth birthday anniversary will be celebrated.

Beta members are indebted to the Program Committee, Miss Norma Hughes, Chairman, Miss Velma Knowles, and Miss Barbara Johnson, for our well planned program for the year, and for the attractive Yearbooks.

MAUDE MEYERS,
Chairman of Publications
Committee.

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THE high point in Gamma chapter's spring program was the state convention of Delta Kappa Gamma, held in Boone May 15, 1943. Beginning Friday evening with the executive board meeting, the convention went into full swing at 9:30 Saturday morning with the business sessions held in the auditorium of the Municipal building. State and local chapters were well represented and interesting and revealing reports were given by each.

After all routine business had been disposed of, Eta Chapter of Ames presented a problem of nation-wide importance—present teacher shortage as a special challenge to Delta Kappa Gamma. The challenge was unanimously accepted and it was decided to make the problem a definite part of the program of work.

The later sessions were held at Hotel Holst, where shortly after noon, in a most impressive ceremony conducted by Mrs. Helen Fischer, state president, six members were initiated.

Luncheon was served at 1:30 to state officers, initiates and other members followed by the presentation of figurines representing two women who were pioneers in education and general betterment of mankind.

The climax of the convention came with the address by Dr. Emma Reinhardt, past national president of the society. The speaker followed the theme of the entire meeting, "Challenge to Education," in emphasizing that the responsibility of education has never been greater than at present.

State committee meetings brought to a close a most successful convention and the first meeting of the Iowa chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma to be held outside the city of Des Moines.

Our program for the year coincides with the suggestions from national and state programs. So far, this year, we had four meetings. On September 23 our new officers were installed. Our next meeting, October 28, was a panel discussion—WITS vs. WACs et al., a discussion ably handled by Mrs. Ann Belden for the WACs and Miss Eloise Harvey for the WITS. November 6, several of our members attended the State meetings of Delta Kappa Gamma held in Des Moines and at our November 18 meeting Miss Naomi Davitt, state and local treasurer, gave an interesting and detailed report of this meeting. On January 27, the chapter initiated five new members at the Holst Hotel at a dinner meeting. The appointments carried out the chapter's colors of red and gold. The entire evening was a most inspiring one, and one long to be remembered.

Gamma Chapter is happy to report that two members have received paid up life membership certificates in Delta

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Kappa Gamma this year. Miss Marie Blosser, one of our Junior High School teachers, has taken a leave of absence and is in the WACS. Gamma Chapter regrets the loss of Miss Stena Hansen, one of its outstanding members, who retired from the Boone Schools last June. She is now in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and has been transferred to Iota Chapter.

Gamma Chapter has enjoyed and willingly performed many war activities such as Red Cross work, working on bond committees, selling stamps and bonds, collecting grease, issuing ration books, and doing any other type of war work they were called on to do.

The year ahead is a challenge and we in Gamma are striving to meet this challenge to the best of our abilities.

MAYE J. O'DONNELL,
Letters and Publication
Chairman.

Delta Chapter, Indianola

DELTA Chapter held the first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Ethel G. Inman, September 29, 1943. Plans were discussed for the work of the year after which Mrs. Nina M. Goltry gave an interesting report of the National Convention.

On November 4, 1943, our chapter attended the annual Upsilon State meeting at Hotel Fort Des Moines, when Mrs. Ruth Buxton Sayre spoke on the topic "What Kind of Schools Do We Want in Iowa?"

Our chapter feels honored to have had a new state president selected from our group to succeed Mrs. Helen Fischer who left Iowa last fall. Miss Ruth M. Jackson, our new president, is a charter member of Delta Chapter.

Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting on February 4, at which time we shall initiate two new members, Miss Alma Frerichs, home economics teacher of the Indianola high school, and Mrs. Edna Oldaker, retiring president of the Warren County Rural Teachers' Association.

We plan to devote one meeting to the study of Dr. Stroh's monograph, "Better Selection of Better Teachers".

ETHEL G. INMAN,
Chapter President.

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INTER-AMERICAN Friendship has been chosen as the theme for this year's program by Delta Chapter in Kansas City. Spanish Art of the Southwest was the subject of a talk given at the October meeting. The Midwest Inter-American Center will furnish a speaker for the March meeting.

Miss Jennibelle Watson, state president, was a guest of the chapter at a formal dinner on November 20. She talked on the Meaning of Delta Kappa

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Gamma and officiated at the initiation of Frankie Doty and Marie Wood, held that evening.

Beth Hepler, chairman of the defense committee, has prepared an attractive service record book for the chapter. The record up-to-date is one that any chapter might well be proud of: a number are serving as Gray Ladies, some as nurse's aides, many have given blood, a few serve at the canteen, many work at the Red Cross work rooms, all buy war bonds regularly, and the latest venture is that of selling war stamps in one of the city stores the third Saturday of each month.

The Christmas party was so unusual that it deserves mention. Planned by Sue Unruh, Violetta Garrett, Ruth Kell-quest, Maud E. Hewitt, Winifred Dreyer, Aura Prince and Sibyl Rose, it was held at the Y. W. C. A. The high point of the afternoon was the presentation of a play written and directed by Sibyl Rose. Delta Chapter hopes that the play will be published, as it is entertaining and requires no rehearsing.

Epsilon Chapter, St. John

THE members of Epsilon Chapter of Kansas met at the American Legion Hall in St. John, Kansas, on Saturday, October 16, for luncheon and initiation.

Miss Ruth Bell reviewed the book, *Beloved Friend*, by Mme. von Meck; and Mrs. Winona McAllister played "Romance" by Tschaikowsky. The initiates were Miss Velma Brewer and Miss Helen Taylor of Pratt, Kansas.

The second meeting of Epsilon Chapter was held at Pratt, Kansas, on Saturday, December 4, in the First Methodist Church. After the luncheon Mrs. Ann Eberle read Christmas poems and "Patterns" by Amy Lowell. An initiation was held, followed by a short business session in charge of the president, Miss Erma Abbott.

Mrs. Alberta Page of Pratt, Kansas, a former state member, joined the Epsilon Chapter as a life member. The new members initiated were as follows: Miss Willa Holland, Macksville; Miss Lucille Hall, St. John; Mrs. Helen Hickman, Stafford; Miss Helen Karns and Miss Esther King of Pratt, Kansas.

Sincerely yours,
Lois Hogue.

Eta Chapter, Manhattan

IN spite of wartime restrictions, Eta Chapter of Kansas has carried on. Many of our members are doing those extra tasks that need to be done during wartime. Miss LaVelle Wood, Associate Professor in the Department of Institutional Management has a leave of absence from Kansas State College and is serving with the American Red Cross as an assistant club director. Dr. Hazel Fletcher has been given a leave of ab-

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sence from her position in the Department of Clothing and Textiles and the Agricultural Experiment Station of Kansas State College from February 1, to July 1, 1944, in order to accept a temporary appointment in the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics in Washington, D. C. While there she will do textile research in the Division of Textiles and Clothing.

At the beginning of the school term last fall, Eta Chapter of Kansas welcomed two transfers from other chapters. Miss Ruth Socolofsky came from Lambda Chapter at Weatherford, Oklahoma, and Miss Genevieve Roth from Pi Chapter at Mankato, Kansas.

At our January meeting, two new members, Mrs. Maggie Jeffreys, head of the high school cafeteria, and Miss Margaret Burtis of the home economics extension division were initiated.

Eta Chapter of Kansas has had interesting meetings since her last news letter. We observed the founding of the National Organization at a breakfast Sunday morning, May 16, at the Wareham hotel. During the candle lighting ceremony, Helen Elcock gave a fitting tribute to the National Founders, speaking at some length of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton. The Delta Kappa Gamma Bible was presented to the chapter by Emma Hyde and Mrs. Bertha Taylor. Miss Elcock's gift to the chapter was the scarf. Officers elected were: president, Myrtle Dougherty; first vice-president, Helen Elcock; second vice-president, Opal McLean; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Claire Crumbaker; recording secretary, Eva McMillan; parliamentarian, Edith Campbell. In October Lt. Mildred M. Jacobucci from Ft. Riley talked concerning Educational Problems in the Army. Under the leadership of Mrs. Zelma Hockett, we made a study of the "Future Teachers of America" organizations.

(Mrs.) CLAIRE CRUMBAKER,
Chairman, Publications
Committee.

Kappa Chapter, Wichita

OUR year opened with the addition of fourteen members. Four were by initiation: Lillian W. Douglas, Hazel D. Howes, Associate; May Howes, Honorary and Mabel Rosenberger. Ten were by transfer: Betty Baxter, Eva Frederick, Delore Gammon, Laura L. Houk, Helen Kennedy, Dehlia Larner, Edna Meeks, Helen Louise Million, Audna Reeves and Alice Turner. Wichita's gain in new instructors is our gain in membership. Miss Gammon is our Elementary Supervisor.

Our theme for 1943-44 is "Know Your Neighbor at Home and Abroad". So far we have enjoyed hearing Miss Miriam Conrow, home from many years in Chosen; Dr. Leonard Wheat, our new school superintendent and Mrs. Katherine Hatje, a local artist, who illus-

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trated her talk on Mexico by the use of her own lovely paintings.

Our Christmas program consisted of the history and interpretation of many Christmas carols. This was ably given by Mrs. Mildred Hellener, our own Music Chairman. The chapter members sang the carols accompanied by Hildreth Simons.

In December we had a fine discussion meeting; Topic: "How Can We Educate for Freedom?"

Our latest plan for service is to carry dinner trays to hospital patients.

Our "Better Selection of Better Teachers" Committee is making a state-wide effort to see that emergency teachers are required to take Refresher Courses. We hope this will help maintain high standards in our profession. They are also attempting to find and to assist in all ways possible, those who plan to become teachers.

Our chapter will be hostess to the State Convention, April 22, with Dr. Stroh and Miss Gorham in attendance. No Phi State member can afford to miss this meeting.

MAUDE A. ELBERT,
Chairman, Publication
Committee.

**Mu Chapter, Dickenson, Ottawa
and Saline Counties**

THE first biennium of Mu Chapter ended with the election and installation of officers, May 8, 1943, at Salina in the parlors of the Young Women's Christian Association.

During the first two years the chapter held nine meetings, added ten members, lost four, and entertained the State Convention. Meetings were held centrally in Salina with a dinner meeting in Minneapolis and one joint meeting with Eta Chapter at Abilene.

Programs of special interest were "The Work of the U.S.O." by Miss Alice Moe, director of the Salina U.S.O.; "Through Nine South American Countries," Mr. William Bracke, Salina; a comparison of life and customs of Puerto Rico and our country by Miss Edith Felieu, Lajas, Puerto Rico, and interpretative Mexican dances by Miss Graciela Galvan, Mexico City, both students of Marymount College, Salina; the reading of the play, "The Fall of a City" by Pfc. Morris, Camp Phillips, Salina; "Pioneer Teaching," Miss Katherine Addison, an earlier teacher of Salina and daughter of a pioneer family; and "Let Us Live Together" by Mrs. Else Heilpern, Austrian psychiatrist, brought to Salina through the cooperation of the chapter with other educational clubs and organizations of the city.

Practically all members in their respective communities have given time and effort to the U.S.O., the Red Cross, and other wartime work. Miss LaVerne Johnson, Miss Edith Brodine, and Miss

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Hilda Smith, were members of a group of Salina teachers who went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to observe and study the Core Curriculum for ideas on curriculum building. Miss Anna Pierce received a Master of Arts degree from Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado. Miss Carrie Wade, now teaching in Tulare, California, spent a summer and the past winter in Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado. Miss Laura Beichley attended the summer session of the School of Librarianship, Denver University.

Officers for the chapter are Miss Iva Zimmerman, Salina, president; Miss Helen Mitchell, Salina, first vice-president; Miss Mabel Pinson, Abilene, second vice-president; Miss Nelle Thompson, Salina, recording secretary; Miss Anna Pierce, Minneapolis, corresponding secretary; Miss Winnie Scott, Abilene, treasurer; and Miss Sadie Conover, Salina, parliamentarian.

We plan to initiate four new members at our birthday meeting in Salina in February. Best wishes go to Mrs. Alma Wittenberger Hass, who was married November 24, 1943, to V. S. Hass, principal of Roosevelt High School, Salina. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to those who served us and piloted us through our first two years of Delta Kappa Gamma. Because of their effort and inspiration we look ahead to greater progress and increased usefulness in this particular field of service.

**COMMITTEE ON LETTERS
AND PUBLICATIONS.**

Nu Chapter, Hutchinson

NU Chapter opened the year's program in October with an initiation tea at which we were honored by the presence of Miss Maude Gorham, National First Vice-President of Delta Kappa Gamma. Miss Gorham conducted the initiation service for two new members, Miss Lucie Meyer, active member, and Mrs. J. P. Reed, honorary member.

Following our January meeting, our figurine of Mrs. Esther Richardson, pioneer Reno County teacher, was placed on display and will later be presented to our national gallery of pioneer-women-teachers-in-effigy.

A formal dinner meeting will be held in March, celebrating our birthday, and our year will close with a formal tea and initiation in April.

Nu Chapter is using and enjoying the new Music Book 3, and wishes to express appreciation to those who prepared the material for it.

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AND PUBLICATIONS.**

**Pi Chapter, Jewell and Republic
Counties**

PI Chapter of Kansas met in October at the home of Miss Ava Cramer. The following officers were elected:

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President, Julia Hodge, Courtland.
 First Vice-President, Ava Cramer,
 Mankato.
 Second Vice-President, Mary Anthony,
 Wayne.
 Recording and Corresponding Secre-
 tary, Hazel Loomis, Formoso.
 Treasurer, Mildred Moore, Jamestown.
 Parliamentarian, Verna Arasmith,
 Mankato.

Our chapter voted to have only four meetings this year because of the distance some of the members must travel to attend.

In December, a delightful luncheon was served to the members by our president, Miss Julia Hodge. Following the luncheon, two new members, Miss Nora Warren and Mrs. Doris Smith, were initiated.

Our next meeting will be in March, when we meet with Mrs. Mildred Moore. We plan to study the Constitution of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Greek Alphabet.

Founders' Day will be observed with a formal dinner and program on May 20th.

HAZEL LOOMIS,
 Corresponding Secretary.

Tau Chapter, Coffeyville

TAU Chapter has been active this season. We opened our activities with a meeting at which time Miss Maude Gorham, our national vice-president, was our guest. This meeting was held at the Dale Hotel, and we had as our guests, members from Independence and Sedan.

Miss Gorham gave a very worthwhile address, in which she explained to us our duties as committee members. This was our contribution to the American Educational Week Program of the schools, for we had her appear upon the radio program of our local station the day that she was here.

Plans for the remainder of the season include one program which will stress better qualifications for teachers and a tea at which time a book review is to be given by Mrs. Clovis Adams, one of our members. Plans are underway for an initiation at the end of the year.

At the time of the State Teachers' Meeting in November, Tau Chapter sponsored a luncheon which was held in Independence. This was in charge of Miss Georgia Brown. Our president, Miss Helen Glaser, attended the meeting at Wichita, and was the guest of the Wichita Chapter at a luncheon at this time.

We are making every endeavor to carry on our program in a very effective fashion.

Sincerely yours,
DOROTHY MCPHERSON,
 Chairman of Letters
 and Publications.

KANSAS CHAPTERS**Phi Chapter, Emporia**

PHİ Chapter, Emporia, Kansas, with its president, Ruth Otterstrom, has held regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

At the September meeting, held at the Y.W.C.A., fourteen members discussed the work of the year. In October Bertha Robinson led a discussion on "Teacher Certification During and After the War." During the social hour, coffee and doughnuts were served by the social committee. "The Impact of War Upon Children from Pre-School Through Elementary School Age" was discussed by Vina Hillerman and Wendolyn Townsend at the Armistice Day meeting held at the Student Union on the Teachers College campus. On November 19, Thelma McClure and the social committee sponsored a guest tea at Kenyon Hall on the College of Emporia campus. The tea table was presided over by our president, Ruth Otterstrom.

On January 13, Phi Chapter held a dinner initiation meeting at the Hotel Broadview. The first vice-president of the national organization, Miss Maude Gorham, who is adviser of girls and assistant professor of psychology at Hays State Teachers College, was the guest speaker. She gave a report of the National Executive Board Meeting held at Chicago. She also spoke on the subject, "From Yesterday, for Today and Tomorrow."

Two honorary members and six active members were initiated. They were: Miss Laura French, Mrs. F. L. Gilson, Sarah Atherton, Irene Brock, Harriet Elcock, Harriet Humphrey, Maude Reeble and Lillian Whitby.

Miss Bertha Hensman from the University of Chicago is scheduled to speak on "The Teacher in England, China, and America During the War" at our February meeting. Hazel Miller and Anita Rice will be discussion leaders at the March meeting for the subject, "Impact of War on the Adolescent Child." Our birthday luncheon will be held in April, followed by the Founders' Day banquet at the May meeting.

MILDRED KAFF,
 Chairman, Committee
 on Publications.

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Alpha Chapter, Los Angeles

UNDER the splendid leadership of our President, Gertrud Addison, Alpha members are enjoying a year of interesting and valuable programs.

In October we were so fortunate as to have, as our guest speaker a woman of national note, Mrs. Malbone Graham, who is in charge of Personnel of Service Women in the Western States. She gave us some valuable points on "Patterns in War and the Future Thinking." Those who represent Patterns I, ignore Post-

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war Planning and have as their motto, "Get on with the War, the Future can wait". Then there is Pattern II represented by those who say, "We'll plan the Future—but, let others make that Future possible." The third group represent Pattern III and are more helpful and truer. They recognize a direct relationship between War and the Future. Their motto is "Get on with the War to get to the Future" and maintain study and plan as we go. She warned of following in the Future the pattern of the past too precisely, for instance the road of isolationism and international machinery which again might lead to war. That is, we cannot look to a Future without change from the past.

Mrs. Graham's Pattern IV has a two-way arrow—"To the War and the Future, mutually interacting, both in the winning and the building now."

The November meeting was one excellent example of real public relations. Cooperating with the Los Angeles Public Library in celebrating Book Fair, our President shared the honors with Althea Warren, National President of the American Library Association and Librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, and Alpha members were hostesses with Psi members as special guests. Speakers of the evening were, Dr. Han Yu Shan Han of Pomona College and two distinguished authors, Vanya Oakes, who wrote *White Man's Folly*, and Carl Glick, author of *Three Times I Bow*.

At our Christmas party in December we were honored by having as our special guest the holder of our Scholarship award Bessie Staunchfield, a music student at the University of Southern California.

Gamma Chapter, Ventura County

EACH chapter is facing transportation problems, but for a county group the situation presents unusual difficulties. Hence, Gamma Chapter of California has a minimum number of chapter programs planned for this year. They are, however, to be supplemented by local meetings for smaller groups. Discussion themes center around such current topics as nursery schools, juvenile delinquency, and postwar problems. For the guest luncheon in March the chapter will entertain members of Pi Lambda Theta within the county. Dr. Nan Allen, superintendent of the State School for Girls, will be the speaker for that occasion. Whether our traditional May Breakfast and Founders' Day observance will take us to the usual mountain retreat is still a question dependent upon the trend of the transportation tide.

Welcomed into membership at the Christmas Tea were Miss Ellen Bailard, 630 Teague Dr., Santa Paula; Miss Mary Keller, 1313 Buena Vista, Ventura; and Mrs. Catherine C. Taylor, 180 Eugenia Dr., Ventura. Our service flag has one

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star for Pvt. Irene Scott, now overseas with the WACs.

At the last meeting there was considerable discussion about the Bulletin. We realize that a summary of our year's activities is not of interest to Delta Kappa Gamma members across the continent unless we have an offering so unique that it could be an inspiration to other chapters. Therefore, many of our members feel that much of the present Bulletin material could better be given in a state or local news letter. The present paper shortage would suggest temporary curtailments, but from a broader viewpoint we feel that the Bulletin, in comparison with the publications of other professional fraternities, does not represent the professional quality of which we may truly be proud. We shall welcome changes leading away from chapter reports and toward more articles of general interest and inspiration.

LILLIAN F. BIDWELL,
Chairman of Publications
Committee.

Eta Chapter, Long Beach

AS members of Eta Chapter cross the threshold of the year, 1944, they have already profited from the professional impetus and fellowship which Delta Kappa Gamma affords. Our program chairman, Bess Schramm, has planned outstanding meetings for every month until August.

In October, Ann Craig, Director of A.W.V.S. in Long Beach, presented a WAVE and a WAC as guests of honor. Recently, Irmel Whitnack has been accepted for the WACs and expects to leave soon for the East. In November Dr. Madilene Neverka, State Founder and past State President, a graduate of Prague University, was our speaker. Her vision is to see Delta Kappa Gamma become an international organization. The Christmas Song Festival brought us our State President, Maria Pierce, to lead us in our singing after a turkey dinner. Lt. Leonard Hardie, in charge of Audio Visual Education at the Roosevelt Navy Base, spoke to us and showed Motion Pictures at the January meeting. February will be our initiation and tea at Blanche Drown's spacious residence.

Realizing that our responsibility reaches out into community projects, Eta members have made a real contribution to the Red Cross and other war channels. Lottie Hill, chairman of Defense and War Activity, and Kathleen Harnett at the Ferrying Command have had the hearty support of our members. Three hundred dollars was raised for furnishing a room at the Ferry Command. Several of our members have earned their pins for one-hundred hours of service in the Red Cross. Space does not permit a full report of activities. However, as Delta Kappa Gammas we look forward to a year of contribution to education

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and our community in these days of uncertainty.

HAZEL ENGESETH,
Publicity Chairman.
FRANCES N. NIELSON,
President.

Theta Chapter, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties

THETA Chapter's newly elected president, Miss Vesta Vail, presided at the opening luncheon meeting on November 6. Plans for the year's study program were discussed and the topic chosen was "Educational Practices, Religious and Philosophic Tenets, Political Philosophies, Art, Literature, and Folkways of the People of Other Lands and Races". Miss Berdella Price, a member, conducted the first study, a report on the Institute of International Relations, which she had attended at Mills College, last summer.

Miss Mina Lee, general supervisor of rural schools of Santa Cruz County, was initiated at the January meeting. The ranks of Theta Chapter were further increased by the transfer of Miss Hilda Van from Alpha Mu Chapter of Santa Maria.

Plans for the future include a discussion of the Negro problem for the March meeting, and a study of China for the May meeting.

Because of gasoline restrictions, meetings are less frequent, but we are looking forward to an interesting year.

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLICATIONS.

Iota Chapter, Sacramento

IOTA has taken for her 1943-44 theme: Planning for a Postwar World. Working in conjunction with the Institute of International Relations at Mills College, Oakland, we invited Kirby Page to conduct a one-day conference in October. We asked our Sacramento sister chapter, Alpha Eta, to share with us. We also invited the men's society of Phi Delta Kappa to attend the meetings. The subjects of the addresses and of the three forums were: "The Deeper Meanings of Democracy"; "The Future of Japanese-Americans"; "The Spiritual Requirements of a Just and Durable Peace."

The conference, held in one of the churches, was open to the public and well attended. The local papers carried good publicity; notices were also printed in a number of church bulletins. One hundred and fifteen keenly interested people were present at the dinner meeting, when the Japanese question was discussed.

"Minority Groups in the Postwar World" was the subject of a talk at the November meeting by Mrs. Carl Landauer of Berkeley, California. Mrs. Landauer and her family are exiles from Germany. "Equal Opportunities for Wo-

men" is the study subject for January. Mrs. Mildred Bevil, member of Iota Chapter, and long-time member of the Sacramento Board of Education, will be discussion leader. "The Teacher and Postwar Leadership" will be discussed at the February meeting by Ethel Sabin Smith of Mills College. Postwar Planning is the subject for March, under the leadership of our second vice-president, Clara Hargis. Founders' Day will be celebrated by a dinner, May 13th, at which Stephen M. Barooshian, of Placer Junior College, Auburn, will talk on International Relations and World Peace. We feel that our committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Evelyn Clement, has given us a very live and workable program for the year, in harmony with the state and national aims.

Carrying on enthusiastically the spirit of service, practically all Iota members have assumed regular duties in Red Cross work, filter stations, fruit and vegetable canning, and harvesting, U. S. O., child care, and civil defense. Iota Chapter serves once a month at the Interracial U. S. O. on Sunday afternoon.

Delta Kappa Gamma home girls make good! During this year many of our members have received professional recognition and advancement. Ruth Dodds, our second chapter president, and at this time California State First Vice-President of Delta Kappa Gamma, has been made Vice-Principal of Sacramento Senior High School. She is also National Regional Vice-President of the American Federation of Teachers. Mildred Lothhammer has left her position in high school to become Principal of Fremont Elementary School. Gertrude Harvie is the new Principal of Sierra Elementary School. Ethel Penny is now Principal of Eldorado Elementary School.

Clara Hargis has recently become head of the English Department of Sacramento Senior High School. Eunice Tuttle is this year's President of the California Association of Childhood Education, Sacramento Branch. Thelma Root is President of Science Teachers' Association of Sacramento, Frances Milnes, taking the place of the Secretary of the California Association of Women Deans and Vice-Principals, is taking the office made vacant by the Stanford Dean of Women when she joined the Waves. Congratulations!

ELDORA P. KIMBERLIN,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications.

Mu Chapter, Riverside

MU Chapter of California held its first regular meeting of the 1943-44 year, October 18th, at the Riverside Junior College Domestic Science Cottage. Our new officers are:

President, Mrs. Martha Seidl Wybourn.
First Vice-President, Mrs. Caroline A. Roblee.

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Second Vice-President, Miss Elsie Wallace.

Recording Secretary, Miss Mildred Brown.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Vivian Johnson.

Treasurer, Mrs. Catharine S. Huntley. Parliamentarian, Mrs. Jean Lenox.

On this occasion Miss Jean Thayer, Dean of Girls of the Riverside Polytechnic High School, Mrs. Gertrude White, Lincoln School kindergarten teacher and president of the American Childhood Association of Riverside County, and Miss Della Robertson, principal and teacher of Bryant Elementary School, were initiated at a very impressive ceremony by our president, Mrs. Martha Wybourn, assisted by Miss Hazel Post and her initiation committee.

Mrs. Gladys Zook, past president of Zeta Chapter, gave a most delightful and inspiring talk using "Delta Kappa Gammas" as her subject.

Miss Helen Waldo, retiring president, was presented a past president's pin by the president. Miss Grace Ketcham presented our president, Mrs. Martha Seidl Wybourn, with a lovely wedding gift; Martha became Mrs. William Wyburn, on July 31st, at Laguna Beach.

October 29th we held our second meeting of the year. A very interesting Symposium was held on "Better Teachers for California." The speakers were Mr. Ira C. Landis, Superintendent of the Riverside City Schools, who discussed "What is a Good Teacher?" Dr. Carl C. Cress, assistant superintendent of Riverside City Schools, told, "How the Curriculum is Meeting Present Day Needs."

Miss Dorothy Kinell, Spanish Instructor in the Riverside Junior College, discussed "New Methods in Classroom Teaching."

Mrs. Caroline A. Roblee, first vice-president and program chairman, adopted the State theme, "Better Teachers for California" for her year's program and has announced the following meetings for the remainder of the year.

A dinner meeting will be held on January 13, 1944, with Mr. Arthur F. Corey, executive secretary of the California Teachers' Association, addressing us on, "Legislation Affecting California Teachers".

In February we shall celebrate our sixth birthday with a very gala and apropos event.

On April 14th the executive board will have charge of all arrangements for our annual social meeting, to be held at the home of Miss Dorothy Kinell. Funds for the Second State Scholarship will be raised by some unique means.

Mu Chapter will serve as hostess on May 13th for our joint Founders' Day Program with Zeta and Alpha Pi Chapters.

On June 12th, as a fitting climax to our year's program we shall have a tea

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honoring all prospective teachers in Riverside High School, Junior College, and all recent graduates. Our honored guests will be outstanding women educators in Southern California, principally members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

In addition to this program, Mu Chapter supports all activities of the Riverside City Teachers' Association, the California Teachers' Association and the National Education Association. The chapter as a whole is backing a forum sponsored by the Riverside City Teachers' Association.

Our members contributed generously to the War Chest, the Red Cross and have purchased many War Bonds.

Many hours of volunteer work are given by Mu Chapter members to the U. S. O., Red Cross, Traveler's Aid, Y.W.C.A., Deaver Hall, Officers' Lounge, Adult Education, Community Players, and some even find time to do part-time work in war industries.

Mu Chapter is enjoying and is looking forward to another most profitable and pleasant year. We extend greetings and our very best wishes for a happy and successful year of service to all Delta Kappa Gamma members.

EDNA E. BAILEY,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications Committee.

Pi Chapter, Arcata

FOR their February meeting last spring, members of Pi Chapter launched a unique program by entertaining at a luncheon the county superintendent of schools and his staff, an administrator and a member of the board of trustees from all the schools in which Delta Kappa Gamma women were serving. The theme of the day was "Maintaining the Educational Front" which was logically an important topic in the year's study of "Better Teachers for California."

For the current year the general study theme is "Problems for Postwar Planning and Reconstruction." One of their objectives for this year is to sponsor clubs of "Future Teachers of America" in the local high schools.

In December, Pi Chapter had the honor and privilege of entertaining the state president, J. Maria Pierce. Her message and participation in the initiatory service was an inspiration to all. The new members are Rosemary Friedenbach, Fortuna Elementary School teacher; Evelyn Hunter, County Attendance Officer; Mrs. Nell Murphy, instructor of English, Humboldt State College, Arcata.

At this meeting we had our annual Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts. Informal conversations and carol singing led by Mrs. Pierce concluded the day's festivities.

Officers for 1943-1944 are: President, Myrtle McKittrick; First Vice-President,

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Nene Pinkerton; Second Vice-President, Violet Shulsen; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Sample; Recording Secretary, Evelyn Cerini; Treasurer, Lillian Hagopian; Parliamentarian, Amelia Alward; Junior Past President, Dorothy Ames.

HELEN G. CROZIER,
Committee on Publications.

Sigma Chapter, Tulare County

SIGMA Chapter of California extends greetings to all members of Delta Kappa Gamma, and as is true of all of you, plans to carry its share of the work in realizing the ideals for which the organization is striving.

Our first meeting, a colorful fall luncheon, was held on October 20, 1943. We were graciously welcomed by our capable and fore-sighted president, Mrs. Anne Wescott, who at that time presented her calendar of work for the year, naming her respective committees and their duties.

Sigma Chapter has limited its general meetings to four, this year, due to the necessity of reducing travel. These meetings will be held in Visalia, the county seat. However, each month, there will be a group sectional meeting, under the leadership of a chairman, held in Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, Dinuba and Exeter. These groups are engaged in many wartime activities, such as: classes in first aid, nutrition and home nursing; sponsoring Junior Red Cross; sewing, knitting, and preparing bandages for Red Cross; and numerous other activities, all practical and effective ways of demonstrating Delta Kappa Gamma's oneness of heart and spirit in service to our country.

Our new officers were elected and installed as follows:

President, Mrs. Anne Wescott.

First Vice-President, Miss Irene Conley.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary D. Wilson.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Hildegarde Segerstrom.

Treasurer, Mrs. Katharine Rafenstein. Parliamentarian, Mrs. Mary Mains.

LOUISE BRIER TANTAU,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications Committee.

Chi Chapter, Los Angeles

CHI Chapter of California is using a new plan this year. The membership is divided into nine committees and each committee is responsible for a program. This means that every member is helping with a program and is assisting with the arrangements for a meeting.

We have had three programs this year and all have been excellent ones. At our October meeting, one of our Honorary members, Mrs. Anne F. Leidendecker gave a splendid talk and her topic was "What Are We Thinking: What Will Be

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Our Future?" The committee which sponsored the November meeting presented Miss Florence Brady, state president of the California American Association of University Women. She chose "The World We Want" for her subject. Mrs. Georgia Reed opened her lovely home for our Christmas Party. Miss Irene E. Chapman gave a delightful talk on Christmas Carols. On January 15, our members will meet at the Chapman Park Hotel for breakfast. The committee has selected Mrs. John R. Hunt, a traveler and musician as guest speaker. She will discuss "Democracy Among Women of the World."

Honors have come to a number of our members. Mrs. Beulah Knight was elected president of the Los Angeles Elementary Teachers' Club and Mrs. Amanda Bonwell was selected first vice-president of the same club. Mrs. Geneva P. Davis was the choice of the Southern Section of the California Teachers' Association for its president. Mrs. Nell Neil was chosen chairman of the Affiliated Teacher Organizations of Los Angeles. Miss Dora I. Dysart is the District Education Chairman of the California Federation of Women's Clubs. Miss Mary Virginia Morris is serving as Director-at-Large for the California Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Mary E. McIntyre and family are enjoying a visit from her brother, Bishop Charles Quinn of China. Most of the buildings of his mission were destroyed by the Japanese. His mission provided shelter and protection for some of our flyers who accompanied Doolittle on the bombing trip to Tokyo. Fortunately when their plane was grounded in China it was near his mission.

Our officers are efficient and sincere, the committees are working quietly and effectively and the members as usual are most cooperative and enthusiastic. Everything seems propitious for another interesting and successful year for Chi Chapter.

MARY E. MCINTYRE,
Chairman, Publications
Committee.

Alpha Beta Chapter, Los Angeles Harbor District

PROFESSIONAL progress was made during the summer by Mrs. Mary S. C. Maher, who received her M. A. degree from the University of Southern California; Mrs. Irvin Wallace, who did post-graduate work at the same institution; Mrs. Jane Rye, who became principal of the 184th Street Elementary School; Miss Mary Jane O'Rourke, who became a department head and coordinator at San Pedro High School, and Miss Frances Stephan, who became girls' vice principal at the Huntington Park High School.

The summer vacation was also used by Miss Helen Rose, our second vice-

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president, for working with her committee on a ten-meeting program and a handmade yearbook. San Pedro members, under the direction of Miss Ellen Cullen, continued faithfully in our U. S. O. project all summer.

In a program largely devoted to preparation for education in a postwar world, two of our outstanding programs have been the initiation luncheon at the Men's University Club in Los Angeles, with the reception of four new members and an inspiring address by Mrs. Snow Longley Housh, formerly a teacher at Los Angeles High School, and our Christmas party at the home of the past president, Miss Catherine Lockett, at which time we prepared and wrapped gifts for soldiers in the outposts on our very nearby Pacific coast.

Our own members are contributing book reviews and discussions to the programs, as well as participating in a variety of types of war work. We are helped through present day difficulties by the quotation at the beginning of our yearbook: "Where there is no vision, the people perish"—Proverbs.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNA O. TYLER,
President.

Alpha Lambda Chapter, Monterey County

THE theme of Alpha Lambda's program for the year is Postwar Conditions Affecting Women. In November our first discussion meeting was devoted to the Delta Kappa Gamma monograph, Better Selection of Better Teachers. Other topics for such meetings will be Women War Workers, Effect of War on the Family, the International Food Conference, and Postwar Plans for Policing the World. We held our delightful Christmas party at the home of Gertrude Rendtorff in Carmel, and look forward to our annual picnic in June at the summer home of Louise Grigsby in the Carmel Valley. March is our initiation month.

During the past year we have welcomed as new members Miss Grace Wiedemann of Gonzales, and Mrs. Bess Ward and Miss Aletha Worrall of Pacific Grove.

As this is written in January, we are expecting the publication in the February or March American School Board Journal of an article describing the fine work of one of our members, Miss Maurine Van der Griend. The article, Home-making Rooms for a Monterey School, by Dr. Florence Blazier, head of the Home Economics Education Department of Oregon State College, tells of the new rooms in the Walter Colton School which Maurine had the good luck to plan in detail before they were built for her classes. There are a laundry unit, a cooking unit, a sewing room, and a livingroom, so arranged that the teach-

er can supervise groups using the various units simultaneously. We are proud of Maurine and of her work.

BEATRICE A. K. JONES,
President and Publications
Chairman.

Alpha Nu Chapter, Butte County

ONE of the highlights of our chapter meetings was a visit from our State President, J. Maria Pierce, on August 17. It is true that many were away on summer vacations, but those who were within a radius of twenty-five miles came to the meeting in Chico. Mrs. Pierce helped us outline our yearly program.

The program for our last meeting was in charge of Jessie Wardlaw Williams of the Chico State College, whose topic was Lost Horizons. She kept everyone spellbound while she pictured the new postwar world. She ended by reading two of her own poems which she will probably have published at some future date.

Our December meeting was postponed, due to many members leaving for their Christmas vacations and also to the death of our treasurer and beloved member, Edna Irene Gray.

Juvenile Delinquency and Postwar Education will be discussed at later meetings with able speakers to lead the discussions.

Our year will end with a picnic in Chico's famous Bidwell Park with a pot luck supper.

MABEL K. RICHARDS,
Chairman, Publications
Committee.

Alpha Xi Chapter, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica

ALPHA XI Chapter of Beverly Hills and Santa Monica, a chapter that has recently celebrated its second birthday, has grown to a membership of twenty-seven. At an initiation held in March, fourteen new members were added.

The theme, "Better Teachers," has provided opportunity for challenging programs throughout the year. "Our Postwar World" presented by Dr. Charlotte Elmont proved to be most thought-provoking.

The officers serving the chapter are:
President, Mrs. Madeline Crowell.
First Vice-President, Miss Clarissa Bacon.
Second Vice-President, Miss Madeline Sevenans.
Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Helms.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Catherine Hall.
Treasurer, Mrs. Lorene Wikle.
Parliamentarian, Miss Catherine Briggs.
MRS. VIOLA POGSON,
Chairman of Letters
and Publications.

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ALPHA PI Chapter opened its year's work with a luncheon at Upland, September 25, 1943. This was followed by the installation of new officers by our former president, Mrs. Ethel Williams. Tentative plans were discussed for the year's program by our new president, Celesta Scott.

In November the chapter toured three outstanding institutions, — Cal-Aero Academy, California Institute for Men, and the Casa Calina Home, where infantile paralysis children are treated and cared for.

The December meeting was a Christmas party, held at the Women's Clubhouse in Ontario, in conjunction with the Zeta Chapter. Christmas gifts were received from Secret Pals. Thirty dollars was collected from Alpha Pi members to be sent as a gift to the Casa Calina Home. The theme of this meeting was "Good Will Through Books." Mrs. Gladys Scoles, of Pasadena, reviewed outstanding books for adults and children.

Saturday, January 22, 1944, Zetas and Alpha Pi Chapters held joint initiation ceremonies at Fuller Rancho, followed by a luncheon. Our state president, Mrs. J. Maria Pierce, presided at the initiation. We are happy to have three new members join our chapter, bringing our total membership to twenty-one. Dr. Elmer S. Nelson, chairman of Public Relations for O.P.A. in Southern California, gave a challenging address on "Price Inflation and Government Control." We went home with much to think about.

February 19th we shall have a covered dish luncheon in Redlands. Reports on legislation, equal rights and retirement will be given. Round table discussion will be on "Better Selection of Teachers."

We are happy to add that our attendance at all meetings has been almost 100%.

VIOLA GOSCH,
Chairman of Publicity.

COLORADO CHAPTERS**Epsilon Chapter, Archuleta, Dolores LaPlata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties**

OUR chapter this year is under the leadership of the following officers: President, Miss Grace Miller; Vice-Presidents, Miss Edith McGee and Mrs. Marion Talcott; Recording Secretary, Miss Eleanor Knight; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ruth Owens; Treasurer, Mrs. Jeannie Dawson; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Korleen Mason.

Though we are holding most of our meetings at Durango and Fort Lewis College because of transportation difficulties, our first meeting was held at the ranch home of Mrs. Susie McClendon at Cedar Hill, New Mexico.

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During the San Juan meeting of the Colorado Education Association, Dr. Inez Johnson Lewis, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was our guest at a dinner meeting and answered questions raised by the group on present day problems.

Miss Claude Bowser of the Ignacio Indian School was initiated in November. We are losing one member, Miss Marian Brown, dietician at Fort Lewis College, she having accepted a position as home demonstration agent of Jefferson County.

Our customary Christmas party with an enjoyable program of music and story was climaxed by an exchange of gifts, with Uncle Sam receiving his usual war bond.

At our January meeting, Miss Alice Finch introduced our topic for the remainder of the year—Emotional Effect of War on Children and Adults. Our programs will cover these aspects of this subject: Suggested Cures; Recreation in a Democracy at War; Place of Fine Arts in Wartime; and Practical Arts.

We are holding our regular number of meetings, in which interest is high and attendance good.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**Zeta Chapter, Adams County**

ZETA Chapter of Colorado started the year with a Chuck Wagon supper at the home of Ovidia Bordahl. A special meeting of the Social and Program Committees was held and the year's program was planned. Since our members come from widely scattered areas of Adams County it was decided to plan our meetings in such a way as would cut down travel. This was done by having members go directly to meetings from school or work.

At our November meeting, Mrs. Dorothea Snider reviewed Sister Kenny's book "And They Shall Walk". The annual Christmas party was held at the home of our President, Miss Frieda Farney. This year we had a "march of quarters" instead of the usual exchange of gifts. Eight books were purchased with the fund thus raised. These were presented as Christmas gifts to the patients at Fitzsimmons General Hospital.

In January, we had as our guest speaker, Mr. Leonard Bohner, a recent evacuee from a concentration prison in Japan. In February Mrs. Fullerton will give an art exhibit and discuss Art in Wartime. Our March and April meetings are to be panel discussions, centering around the suggestions in the National Bulletin. We plan to have our Founders' Day dinner and ceremony in May and are also planning for a garden tea in May.

Our chapter is honored by having one of our members in the WACs. Lt. Grace

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Miller is stationed in Ft. Des Moines, Iowa.

LETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**Theta Chapter, Sterling**

NOTWITHSTANDING wartime shortages, Theta Chapter of Colorado has found it possible to enjoy dinner meetings each month.

The programs have been varied. The topics are: Book review, "Chains of Shadows" by Lt. J. H. Sanders presented by Mrs. Dean Dowis, honorary member. "Women of the Bible", Mrs. N. L. Litch, a guest of the chapter. "Christmas Party." "Modern American Painting", Mrs. M. L. Peterson. "The Power Behind the Throne", Miss Laura Riley, for the guest dinner. "Folklore from Norway", by Mrs. Ray Luce, and "Folklore from Spanish Speaking Nations", by Miss Cleo Mitchell. One meeting will be devoted to work in the gauze room of the Red Cross.

Miss Sadie Morrison, a second grade teacher at Lincoln School, was initiated before the Christmas dinner and party.

The officers for this term are: President, Miss Clare Campbell; First Vice-President, Mrs. Gladys Garber; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Beulah Battles; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Irene La Velle Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Marie Luce; Treasurer, Miss Frances Smith; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Beulah Baxter Warner.

(MRS.) MARIE LUCE.

Iota Chapter, Trinidad

BECAUSE of transportation difficulties, Colorado Iota Chapter planned only six meetings for the year 1943-1944. At each of the three meetings held so far, only one member has been missing. At each meeting, we have had group singing as well as special numbers. The membership rated 100% in the Third War Loan Drive.

The study topics for the year are all given by members. At the October meeting, Elsie Dunkel gave a very illuminating address on our local juvenile delinquency problem and compared it to the national problem. An interesting discussion followed. Elizabeth Huggins made a study of the Delta Kappa Gamma monograph "Better Selection of Better Teachers" for the November meeting, and gave us a most interesting analysis of this report. Our Christmas party was a dinner meeting and initiation at the Columbian Hotel, concluded by a very cleverly planned gift exchange.

The highlight of the year will be our Guest Tea planned for February. At this function, Bess McKennan will give a paper on Madam Chiang Kai-Shek. Our chapter plans a breakfast meeting preceding the Las Animas County Teachers' Convention in April, and are looking

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forward, also, to a May outing at Miss Bunnell's mountain cabin in Stonewall. This event will end the year's activities.

DORIS M. HERRMANN,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications.

Kappa Chapter, Fort Lupton

SINCE our last letter to the Bulletin, members of Kappa Chapter have had many and varied experiences. Patience Cairns, now Mrs. Colvin Kemp, was married in Honolulu, September 21, and is teaching there. Irene Moore Hiatt is employed in the Edison School of Spokane, Washington. Ann Koeppen has returned from Washington, D. C., where she was working for the F. B. I., and is in Denver. Also in Denver is Hazel Mohrman, who for the first time since her sixth year is out of the classroom; she is working in the Military Personnel Division of Fitzsimmons General Hospital. Mary Opal Hollenbeck has transferred to the chapter in Globe, Arizona, where she is now teaching. Anne Livingston and Edith Lutton attended the summer session at Denver University, where Edith received her Master's degree. Previously to her study, she had enjoyed a trip to Mexico City.

President Lorraine Lund, at the October meeting, appointed committees, and plans for the year were discussed. A lovely formal dinner and initiation service followed in November, the dinner served by the ladies of the Methodist Church and the ceremony held at the home of Mrs. Leona Brown. Initiates were Miss June Sauer of Platteville; Mrs. Lillian Akers and Mrs. Lucille Johnson of Fort Lupton. We enjoyed a lovely Christmas party given by Ross McMillen, Mrs. Helen Endter, and Mildred Hudner at Frederick. In January a study meeting was held at the home of Loraine Cavanaugh, with Bertha Mae Williams assisting. Leona Brown and Helen Endter presented a most interesting program on military insignia, together with patriotic music. For the balance of the year we plan, among other things, a study meeting on "Better Selection of Teachers" and a Founders' Day party.

Publications Committee,
ANNE LIVINGSTON,
LEONA BROWN,
LORAIN CAVANAUGH.

Lambda Chapter, Colorado

SINCE organizing on March 25, 1939, Lambda Chapter members have all been imbued with the spirit of friendliness and sincerity of purpose. Each added year has served to increase the breadth and depth of our mutual interests. Although several of the original members have met demands that have called them from this jurisdiction, new members have brought to the chapter

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the same earnest co-operation. Despite increasing responsibilities and handicaps of travel, all meetings have been well attended.

Our yearbooks, with the significant Greek letters and roses on the attractive covers of red and gold, contain the names and addresses of all members, the lists of officers and committees, and the programs of all meetings.

"Juvenile Delinquency," chosen as this year's theme, has been presented at various meetings by able and qualified speakers from such viewpoints as: a social worker, a doctor, a welfare worker, a churchman and a teacher. The general summary of this research will be given at the May meeting by our president, Elizabeth Leslie.

While each meeting has contributed its share toward making this a most splendid and worthwhile year for all Lambda Chapter members, some of our more outstanding meetings were, the dinner and social evening for entertaining prospective members, held at the Englewood High School, November 22; the Christmas party on December 20, at the home of Thelma Hastings, where following a buffet supper; a surprise kitchen shower was given, honoring our corresponding secretary, Eva Booth, who expects to be married soon; the stockings filled by the members were turned over to the committee for distribution to sick soldiers at Ft. Logan; and on January 22, the initiation of our new members, Ruth Biner, Mary Archibald, Mildred Olsen and Ruth Berg. At the banquet which followed, Dr. Bradford Murphy, the guest speaker, gave us a controversial outlook on the Juvenile Delinquent as contrasting the Neurotic side of our social problems.

Pi Chapter, Jefferson County

Pi Chapter has held regular meetings, well attended and interesting from an educational standpoint.

One of the most entertaining and unique meetings of the year was a Chinese dinner and lecture, given by the sister of one of our members, Miss Ida Wilson, who has served as a missionary in China.

As a speaker for one of our other meetings we were very fortunate in securing Virginia Lloyd of the Department of Juvenile Delinquency in Denver, who gave an instructive and enlightening talk on the problems of delinquency.

The Pine Room in the Albany Hotel was the setting for the initiation of new members into Pi Chapter this year. The new members are: Gene Zook, Rowena King and Blanche Byers. Following the beautiful and impressive initiation ceremony, two delightful piano solos were rendered by Mrs. Lillian Terwilliger. Miss Marguerite McLellan gave a fine review of the play "This World Tomorrow".

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Several members of our chapter were very active in securing the passage of Bill S322, concerning teacher retirement.

The study of "Pioneer Women Educators of Colorado", started a year ago, is being continued.

CATHERINE C. OWEN,
EVANGELINE HASLIP,
Letters and Publications
Committee.

MARYLAND CHAPTERS**Alpha Chapter, Baltimore**

A LPHA Chapter began its activities for the year with a meeting held at the Blackstone club rooms November 20, 1943. The state president, Mrs. Edith B. McCleary, presided at the initiation of nine new members. Following a luncheon, the group was entertained by Dr. Dorothy Speer on the topic of "Educational Advantages in India." Dr. Speer, who had spent six years as head of the teachers' training department of Isabel Shoburn College in India, very ably presented much interesting information on the topic.

At the second meeting, to be held in January, 1944, another group of teachers will be initiated. Miss Mary Faulkner will review Dr. Stroh's recommendations for the year's work and plans for the accomplishment of them will be discussed by the members. The business meeting will be followed by entertainment consisting of an illustrated lecture on "Downtown Baltimore" and community singing.

Mrs. Annette Jurens, chairman of the program committee, and her associates are making plans for a panel discussion of the Equal Rights Amendment. This program will be presented March 31, 1944. The members of the panel will include prominent members of the National Woman's Party from Baltimore and Washington.

The final meeting for the year, which will be held at the Maryland Institute, will be under the direction of Miss Martha Buschman, the chairman of the legislative committee. Miss Buschman will discuss legislation affecting teachers and education.

CLEO P. FISHER,
President.

**Gamma Chapter, Carroll, Frederick
and Washington Counties**

THE officers of Gamma Chapter of Maryland for 1943-45 are as follows: President, Miss E. Virginia Doub; Vice President, Miss A. Drucilla Worthington; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary E. M. Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Anne H. Richardson; Parliamentarian, Miss Margaret R. Motter; Treasurer, Miss Alvilda B. DeLashmutt.

The following committee chairmen have been appointed: Auditing, Miss May

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F. Kohn; Nominations, Miss Alvida DeLashmunt; Program, Social Affairs, Retirement, Miss A. Drucilla Worthington; Progress, Miss G. Pauline Fuss; Research, Dr. Louise R. Heath; Scholarship, Miss DeLashmunt; Equal Opportunities, Miss Catherine Futterer; Legislation, Miss Anne Richardson; Letters and Publications, and Music, Miss Miriam Hoffman; Membership, Miss Margaret Motter.

Due to transportation problems, Miss Fuss has been appointed chairman of Carroll county and Miss Richardson is chairman of Washington county.

Mrs. Foster K. Burkett has been transferred to Theta Chapter of New Mexico. Miss Katherine Healy to Alpha of Maryland, Miss Pauline Blackford to Alpha also, and Miss Adeline M. Hoffman to Gamma of New York. This leaves nineteen members in our chapter.

Our program for 1943 and 44 includes a panel discussion of the Equal Rights Bill and other legislation under consideration; initiation dinner at the Francis Scott Key Hotel with the State President, Mrs. McCleary and a local speaker on Korea as guests, and joint meetings with several other groups: A.A.U.W. on "Schools at War", High School Teachers with Congressman Beall on "Legislation for Education", and again with A.A.U.W. on Alaska.

We are also considering informal discussions on several other topics: The Minority group and Race question, items of interest as to the conquered countries—for example the Dutch East Indies, India, and the Philippines, the pressure needed to make certain that Education and Educators are represented at the Peace Conference.

E. VIRGINIA DOUB,
President.

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Alpha Chapter, Louisville and Jefferson County

ALPHA Chapter's officers are: President, Miss Mary Browning; First Vice-President, Miss Helen Weaver; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Robert Turner; Treasurer, Miss Amy Healine; Recording Secretary, Miss Frances Miller; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Helen Peil; Parliamentarian, Miss Alice Watkins.

On September 20th a preliminary meeting of the officers, the committee chairmen, and members of the program committee, was held at the home of the president. The chief purpose of this meeting was to discuss plans for the programs of the year; and the theme which was decided upon was *Enlightenment for Community Living*.

The spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation which prevailed at this informal meeting has borne rich fruit in the programs which have followed.

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The first of these programs was given on October 17, when Alpha members, by means of personal interviews and questionnaires, sought and found "enlightenment for Alpha Chapter living".

Democracy in Relation to Racial Problems was the topic for discussion at the dinner meeting on December 10th. At this time, the following problems were informally discussed: "The First Step Toward Understanding Racial Democracy"; (2) "The School Builds for Racial Democracy"; (3) "American College Students Look at the Racial Problem"; (4) "The Negroes' Contribution in This Crisis"; (5) "Democracy and Intercultural Community Resources."

Mrs. Edith B. Joynes, President of the National Education Association, addressed the chapter at a luncheon meeting on January 8th. We shall long remember the inspiring message which this charming and forceful guest speaker brought. Speaking from her rich background of knowledge and personal experience, she brought us a new vision of *What Delta Kappa Gamma Can Do* both now and in the postwar world.

Dr. Hilda Threlkeld, Dean of Women, University of Louisville, will address the chapter on February 18th. Her topic is: "Higher Education Prepares for Community Service in the Postwar Period."

An invitation meeting will be held on March 17th.

"Salvaging Our Youth" is the topic of a panel discussion which will constitute the program for April 21st.

At the last meeting of the year, on May 19th, Mrs. Mark (Willie Snow) Ethridge will be our guest speaker. The topic of her address is "Shop Talk."

ONA BELLE DEMAREE.

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Alpha Chapter, Cleveland

ALPHABITS for Alpha-(B)-ettes" is the name of the concise but clever one page mimeograph monthly news sheet received by all members of Alpha Chapter, this year. Its editor, Edith Evans, Corresponding Secretary, says the following concerning *Alphabits*: "Some of my bits are information, some are reminders, some are warnings, perhaps even threats, and some are just news. All are bits, none bites." Needless to say, Alpha members are very enthusiastic about this paper.

At the first meeting of the year, on November 11, 1943, Mr. Frank P. Whitney, Assistant Supervisor, of Social Studies in Cleveland, gave an inspiring talk on "Dreams or Discipline." Reports on the Chicago Conference and State Convention given by Mary Keys, Edith Peters, Margaret L. White and Alice Adams indicate that the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma are being forwarded. Happy were we to hear from these reports that the next National Conven-

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tion will be held in Cleveland in August and that applications for the Margaret L. White Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship may now be sent to the State President.

Alpha Chapter will be the hostess to state officers, state founders and to chapter members of northern Ohio on January 16th. The State President, Elizabeth Guilfoile, will address us on "What Shall Ohio Stand For in the National Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma?"

These meetings and those to follow have been planned by our capable new officers assisted by committee chairmen. The officers are: President, Miss Ann V. Horton; First Vice-President, Miss Mildred Finch; Second Vice-President, Miss Elizabeth Laughlin; Treasurer, Miss Josephine Arvidson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Edith Evans; Recording Secretary, Miss Alice Nigh; Parliamentarian, Miss Mary Benson.

ANN V. HORTON,
President.

Beta Chapter, Ashland

BETA Chapter of Ashland, Ohio, is enjoying a very successful and interesting year.

Our December meeting took the form of a social covered-dish dinner at the Women's Club. A Christmas Program was given, with several members participating.

Guest Night was observed in January, at the home of one of the members. Dr. W. D. Furry of Ashland College was the guest speaker. He chose for his subject, "The Key and the Satchel." His address was a challenge and an inspiration to Beta's members and guests. Dr. Furry stated that teachers today, as never before in the history of mankind, hold the key that unlocks many closed doors which must be opened if our Democracy continues to prevail.

Beta Chapter plans to meet once a month for the remainder of the year.

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Delta Chapter, Richland County

FOR its initial fall meeting, Delta Chapter enjoyed a picnic, at which time Anita Strauch was installed as president.

This meeting was in keeping with the year's theme of study: "Special Emphasis on Community Problems and Playing Out of Doors".

To find out what those problems are and how they may best be met, Delta is availing itself of the privilege of hearing leaders of such organizations as the local Y.W.C.A., Friendly Settlement House and the Juvenile Court. Our state president will also be our guest at one meeting.

At the Christmas formal dinner, two members were initiated. Other social

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meetings will include a Leap Year party, and afternoon tea, and a surprise party at Shelby.

Besides proving a pleasant diversion, a White Elephant Auction sale, planned and carried out by the Ways and Means Committee, netted the chapter treasury a substantial sum.

By way of action on Social Service community problems, individual members are serving as First Aid instructors, Junior Red Cross sponsors, Y. W. C. A. board members, and City Teacher Executive board members.

Some members acted as delegates to the O. E. A. convention during the Christmas holidays. Others assisted in tabulating Tuberculosis Seals records. Still others are devoting their time to Red Cross, sewing, and knitting.

During the summer, some of the artistic members designed and made Delta's very attractive yearbooks. A May morning hike and breakfast is the last chapter get-together scheduled for the sorority in these yearbooks.

EMILY PALMER,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications.

Omicron Chapter, Washington and Morgan Counties

OMICRON Chapter held its first dinner meeting October fifth, at the Evergreen Shade Tea Room, at which Miss Dorothea Welling, instructor in McConnelsville High School was initiated.

In November Mr. Verner Metcalf, judge of the Court of Appeals, spoke on "Federal Aid to the Schools". Two members gave arguments for and against the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

A guest dinner in December was followed by a number of Christmas readings by Mrs. Annie Locke MacKinnon of Marietta and the singing of Christmas carols by the members and guests.

In January Miss Josephine Minch, a teacher in the elementary schools of Marietta, and Miss Margaret Schramm, teacher of home economics in Marietta High School, were initiated. As this was our birthday celebration, Miss Alice Rosemond spoke about the organization of this chapter five years ago. Miss Rosemond was our first president.

Other programs planned are: a resume Rosemond who is a State Founder was of her thesis entitled "Three Pioneer Women in American Education in Washington County" presented for the Master's degree at Ohio University by a member, Miss Nina Rowland; a panel discussion "Equal Opportunities for Women"; and an address "What the War is Doing to Us" by a local minister.

The members of this chapter have engaged in various activities in recent months. Miss Grace Reckard was on the staff of the Women's Federal Reformatory at Alderson, West Virginia,

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in the summer. Miss Charlotte Hudnut spent her summer as Religious Director at the Brooklyn, New York, Young Women's Christian Association camp. Miss Dorothea Welling received her Master's degree in Classical Languages from Ohio State University, at the September convocation. Our chapter has a new interest in the birth on October eighteenth of Mary Ann Weber to our member, Mrs. Margaret Lane Weber and Chief Warrant Officer, Lawrence Weber. Miss Ethel Straw is president of the American Association of University Women in Marietta and the recently organized Teachers' Council. Mrs. Evelyn Button is regent of the McConnelsville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and she is also on the Ohio State Committee on Americanism in the Federation of Women's Clubs. Miss Helen Becker holds the office of Worthy Matron of the Marietta Chapter of the Ohio Eastern Star. Mrs. Evelyn Button, Misses Sylvia Stack, Ruth Patti, Babetta Breuhaus, Alice Rosemond, and Helen Becker attended the State Executive Board meeting in Columbus in October. Misses Sylvia Stack and Babetta Breuhaus were delegates to the Eastern Ohio Teachers' convention in Cambridge in November. Miss Alice Rosemond acted as an escort at initiation service conducted by Gamma Chapter in Columbus in December. In January she attended a meeting of Deans of Women held at Ohio State University, at which the subject for discussion was "Postwar Planning for College Women."

In the Teachers' Council of Marietta our chapter is well represented. Misses Ethel Straw and Sylvia Stack are on the Board of Directors, Miss Babetta Breuhaus on the Public Relations Committee, Miss Ruth Patti on the Curriculum Committee, Miss Grace Kiggins on the Salary Schedules Committee, and Miss Emma Waxler on the Pupil Welfare Committee.

A number of members are serving in war work in their community. Miss Emma Lee Stewart is chairman for Morgan County in the drive for enlistment of WACs. Misses Marie Bauer and Babetta Breuhaus have been in charge of the surgical dressing room of the Red Cross every Thursday evening since the work began in Marietta. Mrs. Evelyn Button is Morgan County chairman of First Aid and War History Commission. The members are planning to help in the Service Men's Center which has been opened in the city.

MARGARET NEWTON,
Chairman of Publications
Committee.

Alpha Eta Chapter, Clark County

DESPITE the transportation problems, the gasoline rationing, and the many other problems which confront one to-

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day, the members of Alpha Eta Chapter still demand monthly meetings.

Besides carrying heavier teaching loads, nearly all members are contributing to the war effort in some way or other. Many are blood donors while others are doing extra war work.

Highlights for the year, other than the Initiation and the Founders' Day meetings, are reviews and discussions on Fosdick's book, "On Being a Real Person," and the schools of South America compared with our own schools.

At the Woman's Town Club in Springfield, Ohio, on December the fourth, three members, Mrs. Olive Everhart, Miss Naomi Ihrig, and Miss Dora Kreis, were initiated with impressive services, conducted by the president, Miss Helen Calvert.

MARY HANNABERY,
Chairman, Publications
Committee.

Beta Beta Chapter, Stark County

ON December 18, Beta Beta Chapter held a musicale and tea at the Belden Hotel in Canton, Ohio. The musical portion of the program was presented by chapter members. Violin selections, "Ave Maria" and "Agnus Dei", were presented by Jean Morrison accompanied by Jane Lee. Vocal numbers, "The Virgin's Slumber Song" and "Gesu Bambino" were presented by Ruthanna Davis accompanied by Florence Boyer. Following this part of the program, a group of dramatic students from McKinley High School presented a play.

Tea was then served. Ruth Lehmler, Margaret Williams, and Ruthanna Davis were in charge of the affair.

HELEN GATCHEL,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications.

Beta Lambda Chapter, Columbus, Franklin and Madison Counties

THE activities of our members during the summer were varied, interesting, and profitable. We contributed our bit in the war effort in several ways. July 12 and 13 we had charge of the "Victory Corner". Our sales in stamps and bonds totaled \$11,546. Many pints of good Delta Kappa Gamma blood were sent to the blood banks. Several of our members were twice donors and one gave the third time. Other members gave many hours of service in Red Cross work and as nurses' aids. Another small gesture was made when each member brought to the Christmas party, a gift for a soldier in Fletcher Hospital.

Some interesting experiences were had by some members in the educational field. Harriette Brown helped to establish the "Peoples' Book Club" sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Company. The club now has a membership of 100,000. Anne Whiteman was co-author of a new

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book, "English for Engineers". Mary Morehart and Mildred Mitchell both received a Masters' degree. Several others spent part of the summer in further study in their chosen fields. Ruby Borden, President of the Association for Childhood Education, represented Franklin County at a Reading Conference held at the University of Chicago.

September found us ready for work with the prospect of a very interesting year. Our calendar includes a study of the Equal Rights Amendment, National and State Trends in School Legislation, Delinquent, Dependent and Neglected Children During Wartime, Promoting International Friendships Through the Arts, and Postwar Higher Education.

This January, Dorothy Jones brought to our Art Gallery a "Marsden Hartley" exhibition. She spent some time in New York assembling her pictures from private homes, art stores, and galleries. January 9, Dorothy gave a very successful lecture on her exhibition.

Mary Teeter, one of our librarian members, has been elected President of Chi Delta Phi, an Honorary Literary Sorority.

We are very proud of our two members who are State Officers. Elsie Friebel, our own President, is State Recording Secretary, and Helen Crile Bauer is State Corresponding Secretary. Elsie and Helen took part in a Panel Discussion with the five Cleveland Chapters, January 16.

MABEL E. DEMUTH,
Member of Publications
Committee.

Alpha Chi Chapter, Highland, Brown, and Clermont Counties

ALPHA Chi Chapter is holding four meetings during the current year. The organization has grown to a membership of thirty-two. New members initiated at the November meeting in Georgetown were Miss Louisa Perin of Amelia, Miss Dorothy Trisler, of Hamerville, and Miss Lena Livingston, retired, of Georgetown, the latter our first Associate member.

Miss Isabelle McCorry, of Georgetown, is the new president, replacing Miss Ruth Kopp, of Hillsboro.

Miss Helen Knight, primary teacher in the Mt. Orab, Brown County Schools, recently received recognition for her article in "Ohio Schools" on "Experiences in the Teaching of Reading".

Miss Olive Mallow, now teaching at Germantown, Ohio, completed a most extensive and informative scrapbook on legislation while serving as Alpha Chi's Legislative Chairman, last year. It was featured at the last State Convention.

Two of our members, Miss Mary L. Trautman of Russelville, Brown County, and Miss Isabel Buck of Greenfield, Highland County, have entered the service,

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the former as a WAC and the latter in Red Cross work.

At the February meeting to be held in Hillsboro, Miss Grace Blake, teacher of Journalism in Greenfield, will review the book, "Better Selection of Better Teachers". Founders' Day will be observed May 6, at the home of Miss Blake in Greenfield.

ETHEL SHIVELEY,
Chairman of Publications
Committee.

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Eta Chapter, Muncie

ET A Chapter's general program theme for the year has been "Toward a More Informed Profession."

At the October meeting, Dr. Esther Swenson, chapter president, used as her topic, "Knowing More About Delta Kappa Gamma".

In order that new members might receive more benefit from the year's program, initiation was held in November, followed by more discussions on current developments and progress of Delta Kappa Gamma. The initiates were Miss Mary Bowers, instructor of meteorology, Ball State Naval Training School; Miss Angie Wilson, social science teacher, Burris Training School; Mrs. Mae Vice, principal, Forest Park School; Miss Waneta Bratton, mathematics teacher, Wilson Junior High School; Miss Melva Harris, primary teacher, McKinley School, and Mrs. Gladys Townsend, social science teacher, Central High School.

"Controversial Educational Legislation" was presented at the January meeting by the legislative committee, giving a background for the Federal Aid Bill in comparison with other federal acts controlling education such as: Smith-Hughes, W.P.A., C.C.C., N.Y.A., and Lanham Act.

"Who Shall Teach?" with members using the monograph, Better Selection of Better Teachers, and "Education's Place in the Postwar World", are subjects to be used in the next two meetings of the year. The latter one will be in the form of a panel, in which men and women faculty members from Ball State Teachers College and Muncie City Schools will speak on "How Far Can Education Shape the International World of Today and Tomorrow?"

There are tentative plans for an open meeting, later in the spring, at which it is planned to have some outside speaker of note.

Offices held by members of Eta Chapter include Mrs. Gladys Townsend, Vice-President of the State Teachers' Federation, and Miss Esther Bartlett, local president of the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Ella Hay has recently published another book, "Our Home and Our World", in collaboration with Miss Dessa-

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lee Ryan Dudley, a Delta Kappa Gamma member from Battle Creek, Michigan.

Miss Roma Hayworth's work in connection with the Speech and Hearing Clinic in Muncie City Schools has been unusually successful in its results.

Delta Kappa Gamma dinner meetings have given way to desserts only, for the duration of the war. Our program committee has given us in its place, much food for thought.

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Theta Chapter, Lafayette

Greetings from the Thetas!

AT our first fall meeting in Kokomo, October 5, 1943, our new officers were installed:

President, Chestina Williams.
First Vice-President, Flora Belle Levy.
Second Vice-President, Bertha Rycraft.
Recording Secretary, Irene Roloff.
Corresponding Secretary, Helen Hunt.
Treasurer, Lura McCombs.
Parliamentarian, Elizabeth Mitchell.
We were happy to welcome three transferred members, Margaret Bull, Kappa Chapter, Richmond; Mary Louise Prather, Mu Chapter, Jeffersonville; and Esther Anderson, Delta Chapter, Bismarck, North Dakota.

On November 6, in Logansport, a formal initiation was held for Hazel McCombs and Leota Sims.

Four of our members, Neva Sexton, Mae Downey, Helen Marley, and Chestina Williams, attended the National meeting in Chicago, in August.

We greatly miss Ada McDonnell, who is teaching in the San Diego Junior College, San Diego, California.

Our Program Committee has arranged a very fine year's program: In October, the members of the Pioneer Women Committee reported on their interesting experiences in collecting data, and one member gave both the affirmative and negative arguments on the "Equal Rights Amendment." In November, "Federal School Legislation" was ably discussed; in February, the subject, "Better Selection of Better Teachers" is to be presented in the form of a radio forum; in May "Progress and Achievement of Delta Kappa Gamma" will be discussed. All of these are studied and presented by our own members. These programs, combined with delicious luncheons, music, and a social time, make our Theta meetings most delightful.

Sincerely,
HELEN HUNT,
Corresponding Secretary.

Iota Chapter, Crawfordsville

SINCE restricted traveling kept the members of Iota Chapter within a small radius of Crawfordsville during the summer months, it was possible for fall activities to begin before the rush

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of the school year. On August 12, Mrs. Esther Burroughs, president-elect, entertained with a "brunch" at her home. Following a delightful social hour, installation services were conducted for the following officers: President, Mrs. Esther Burroughs; First Vice-President, Miss Pauline Wilkinson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Grace McBeth; Recording Secretary, Miss Ethel Blake; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Mildred Schweitzer; Treasurer, Miss Flora Wilson; and Parliamentarian, Miss Maude Arthur.

On November 4, Iota Chapter materialized a desire of making itself better known to the community by having a guest dinner party at the Country Club, with thirty-eight members and guests present. Each guest was introduced by her hostess with fitting remarks, and a short history and the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma were presented to the guests by Miss Pauline Wilkinson, past president. Mrs. Grace Golden, director of the Children's Museum of Indianapolis and a member of Beta Chapter, gave an informative and delightful talk entitled "Apron-Strings."

Initiation services were held on December 18, at the home of Mrs. Mabel DeVore for Mrs. Effie Jones, teacher in the John Beard School; Mrs. Mabel Smith, head of the mathematics department of Crawfordsville High School; and Miss Marie Ward, teacher of English in Linden High School. Following the initiation dinner at the Crawford Hotel, a candlelight birthday ceremony, honoring Iota Chapter's third birthday and based on the ceremonial written by Mrs. Orva Belle Weston of Rockford, Illinois, for the Chicago Convention, was presented by four members with Miss Mary Guiliams as reader. The guest speaker for the evening was Miss Mary McBeth, professor of English in Indiana State Teachers' College and a member of Delta Chapter of Terre Haute, whose subject was "Poetry and Living."

Iota Chapter looks back upon the accomplishments of the year with pride and looks forward to the program ahead with fervor. The Legislative Committee will review bills pertaining to child care, women, and education; the Progress of Delta Kappa Gamma Committee will present a study of "Better Selection of Better Teachers" from the Monograph; and the Pioneer Women Committee will discuss the life and service of Miss Anna Willson, former Crawfordsville educator.

MAUDE ARTHUR,
Chairman of Publicity.

Kappa Chapter, Richmond

AFTER a summer in which members of Kappa Chapter of Indiana were scattered—but serving their communities in various ways such as teaching (some without pay), working at the U. S. O.

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and Red Cross, in a telephone office, with plants in a greenhouse and managing farms—we were glad to greet old friends at the October meeting, over a cup of tea.

At the November meeting, we were very happy to initiate four new members, Mrs. Helen Brown of the Fountain City school, Mrs. Jane Dailey and Miss Helen Hicks of the Richmond schools and Miss Elmira Kempton of Earlham College, Richmond. At the Christmas luncheon, Mary Minnick told us of an impressive Christmas Eve in Palestine and Donna Parke gave us the history of some lovely Christmas carols—music, singing, and reading in Latin and German accompanying different carols. The January, February and March luncheons have guest speakers. Miss Bogg will talk on "Equal Rights," Miss Holthouse, Probation Officer, on "Juvenile Delinquency," and Mrs. Koehring on "The Adequate Care and Protection of Children in Wartime." All are problems for concerned members now. Last year, we had such a lovely spring tea at the home of Mrs. Shallenburgs that we were glad to accept her invitation to come again in April for a Spring party. The year closes with the May luncheon, at which time we have an open forum.

Kappa Chapter of Indiana was proud that for two weeks during November Miss Kempton was invited to have a "one-man" showing of oil paintings in the Argent Galleries of New York. In the spring Miss Thomas, who has her quarters off from Earlham College, will be at Pendle Hill working on a conversational Spanish book to be used particularly in Friends groups. Miss Finkrock has been appointed Community Service Officer for the Office of Price Administration for Richmond.

This year we have missed Margaret Bull who is now teaching at Lafayette, Indiana, and Mildred Thomas who is at Ferndale, Michigan.

FLORENCE LONG,
Corresponding Secretary.

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Alpha Chapter, Detroit

THE dinner meeting of the Alpha Chapter of Michigan, was held at the Wadell-Sheraton Hotel, on November 3, 1943. At the initiation ceremony, Miss Jennie Fleming was made an honorary member. Miss Lauretine Collins, director of Public Relations for the Detroit Board of Education, was the speaker of the evening. Her topic was "Girls and Women in American Society." She paralleled interestingly social trends and problems in 1933 and 1943 and predicted for 1945.

On December 17, members of Alpha Chapter gathered around the Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. Neva Hoyt Hart. The program included Christmas stories, readings, and singing of carols.

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Miss Effie Downer and Miss Kennetha Schaaf presented gifts with jingles or quotations most appropriate for each recipient.

The first meeting of the Alpha Chapter in the new year, held at the home of Mrs. Queenie O'Gara on January 21, took the form of a panel discussion on the subject, "How Can We Help Our Unadjusted Youth to Solve Their Problems in These Wartimes?" From points presented, Miss Maude Fiero made the following summary: teachers need to reteach values; unadjusted parents produce unadjusted children—thus the need for adult and parent education; youth should be taught to assume its share of responsibility; and, teachers cannot take the sole responsibility for helping youth solve its problems, but need the cooperation of all available agencies.

ELFRIEDA SCHAUER,
Member of Publications Committee.

Eta Chapter, Kent, Muskegon, and Ottawa Counties

INSTEAD of the "as usual" formal dinner scheduled for the first meeting of the year, Eta Chapter members served themselves and carried their trays to a private dining room in the Y.W.C.A. building in busy Grand Rapids. Perhaps it was better that way. Informal as the meeting was, it gave the members an opportunity to talk things over and really plan for the year's activities. Readjustments must be made because of present conditions, but all were willing to co-operate.

The December meeting was a delightful Christmas party at the home of Helen Freeman in Grand Rapids, to which the "shore group" members were invited, in case they didn't plan a group meeting of their own.

Three other meetings are scheduled for the year: A Patriotic Tea, February 12, at which one of the members, Mrs. Mabel Sewell, a psychiatric worker in the Grand Rapids Schools, will speak on Mental Health; a luncheon meeting, April 26, in Holland, Michigan, with a discussion of books; and later a picnic to end the year in Grand Haven, the home town of our president, Miss Agnes Koster.

Eta Chapter regrets losing one of her members, Miss K. Macdonald, by transfer to an Ohio Chapter.

Initiation of new members is planned for April 26.

JULIA A. SPRAGUE,
Acting Chairman of
Letters and Publications.

Iota Chapter, Saginaw and Bay City

IOTA started its second year with a luncheon meeting at the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Church, in Saginaw,

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Friday, October 22, when the members from the outlying districts would be in Saginaw for the Michigan Education Association Teachers' Institute. After the luncheon, the business meeting was conducted by the president, Miss May Benjamin, during which plans were laid for the year.

December 3, at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Patterson, the members gathered for a regular meeting at 8 o'clock. Miss Otilia Frisch, county school commissioner for Saginaw County and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, spoke on the subject of better educational opportunities for rural youth, and advocated support of a proposed traveling county library as one means of helping rural school children.

Saturday, December 4, at 12 o'clock, Iota Chapter held an initiation at the Hotel Bancroft for Miss Rose Zielinski, Bay City; Mrs. Marsie Brossard, Saginaw; and Miss Pearl Robinson, Saginaw. This initiation marked one stage of the growing up of the "baby" chapter of Michigan, because this was the first one conducted entirely by members of the chapter. At the initiation luncheon, which followed immediately, Miss Mildred Orr, a junior college student at Saginaw, gave a review of Walter Lippmann's United States Foreign Policy.

Because of the vast distances represented in this Chapter and gasoline rationing, Iota tries to have its meetings so that its members may attend two meetings when they make a trip. The theme for our next meetings will be the overcoming of race prejudice.

TREVA B. KIRK,
Committee on Letters and
Publications.

SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
Beta Chapter, Charleston

OUR program for the year began with a meeting at which six new members were initiated. After the meeting a luncheon was served at Brewton Inn, famous for its fine cuisine. The room in which the luncheon was held is a converted carriage house, of a famous colonial mansion.

We plan for our members to become better acquainted with each other. With this in view, our second meeting was held at Folly Island, at the home of one of our members. At this meeting, we unanimously decided to study "Pioneer Women in Education in Charleston." This being a more or less unexplored field of research—intrigued us. In delving into the past, many amusing and outstanding incidents have been brought to light.

All of us are looking forward to our evening meeting in January when the first papers on the subject will be read.

LILIAN MARSHALL,
Chairman Publications
Committee.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER**Beta Chapter, Bridgeport**

THE Beta Chapter of Connecticut was installed December 10, 1943, with the following officers: President, Audra Pendelow; First Vice-President, Annette Borg; Second Vice-President, Ruth Cameron; Treasurer, Nona Reed; Corresponding Secretary, Alice McKay; Recording Secretary, Lucy Curtiss; Parliamentarian, Blanche Nelson.

Nineteen state founders and members were transferred to chapter membership, and sixteen new members were initiated. The chapter is proud of its two honorary members: Miss Fannie A. Smith, a pioneer kindergartener and still the active head of a private kindergarten, and Mrs. Edith L. Baldwin, wife of the Governor of Connecticut, formerly a teacher and still vitally interested in the educational affairs of the State.

The guests at the organization dinner included three state founders and four other state members. Dr. Vera M. Butler, State President of Connecticut, was guest of honor and installed the chapter officers. We were also honored by the presence of Dr. Lolabel Hall, State President of New York, who brought us the greetings of that State.

LUCY S. CURTISS,
Chairman, Publications.

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER**Epsilon Chapter, Grand Forks City**

MISS Frances Neville was recently elected a member of the N. D. E. A. Board of Directors for a three-year term. Miss Neville is Epsilon Chapter's past president, present Epsilon treasurer, and recording secretary for our state organization (Alpha Omicron).

Misses M. Beatrice Johnstone and M. Helen Davies, Epsilon members, were given special tribute at our state meeting in November in that a mention in the resolutions was made to the effect that their work in furthering educational ideals in the state is appreciated.

This year, the third figurine for North Dakota was completed since Delta Kappa Gamma was organized in North Dakota three years ago. Duplicates of the three figurines have been made and presented to the State Historical Museum at Bismarck, North Dakota. Figurines were made by Miss Isabel Snelgrove and Miss Julia Mattson of Grand Forks. Pioneer teachers honored are:

Mrs. Linda Slaughter, Bismarck.
Mrs. Mattie M. Davis, Fargo.
Miss Lura Perrine, Valley City.

Sincerely,

HILDA CHRISTIANSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

OREGON CHAPTERS**Beta Chapter, Corvallis**

BETA Chapter of Oregon began the year with a breakfast on Sunday, October 10, at the home of Blanche McBee. The executive committee of the chapter were the hosts for this delightful affair, which was attended by nearly all of the members. After the breakfast, a business meeting was held, at which time the program for the year was planned, and also it was decided to get out a yearbook. (This is out and really very nice and complete.) The chapter voted to subscribe for the Atlantic, Liberty and True Comics for the U. S. O., magazines which we learned were enjoyed by the army boys. There are plans to secure some equipment which will be of use to the U. S. O. in the snack bar.

A guest tea was held on November 14 at the home of Dr. Vera Brandon. Dr. Brandon's home was most attractive with lovely chrysanthemums which were used for decoration and the attractive tea table. An enjoyable time was had by both guests and members.

An impressive initiation ceremony was held at the home of Melissa Martin on January 16, 1944. After the initiation a social hour was enjoyed and it was gratifying to have this opportunity to become acquainted with the initiates. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

We are proud of our new members and glad to introduce them to you:

Mrs. Mollie Allen Strand, wife of President A. L. Strand of Oregon State College, an honorary member.

Zella Burkhardt, Lottie Morgan, of the Albany High School.

Mrs. Charline Edwards, Philomath High School.

Verle Burkhardt, Harrisburg High School.

Ruth Krueger, head of the Circulation Department Library, Oregon State College, and Virginia E. Olsen also of the Circulation Department.

Alta Garrison, Assistant Professor of Foods and Nutrition, Oregon State.

Mrs. Eleanor Spike Oehler, Associate Professor of Household Administration, Oregon State College.

Mrs. Bertha Stutz, Associate Professor, Secretarial Science, Oregon State College.

Marjorie Davis, Iva M. Howey, Mrs. Ethel M. Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Weston, and Mrs. Ann Willis, all of the Corvallis City School system.

This year we miss Dean Buena Maris, who is with the DuPont people at their plant in southeastern Washington.

All members of Beta Chapter are giving time to the many phases of war work.

With greetings from Beta Chapter.

Fraternally yours,
ETHEL I. SANBORN,
Chairman, Letters and
Publications.

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Gamma Chapter, Eugene and Lane, Douglas and Coos Counties

THE activities of Gamma Chapter have been both interesting and instructive from the date of the first meeting, and the program as planned for the remainder of the year looks equally so.

The October meeting was held at a luncheon at the home of Miss Carolyn Woods during the Teachers' Institute. The meeting proved to be a happy interlude and resulted in renewal of friendly contacts.

In November, Miss Nettie Mae Haugen was hostess to the group. Following the buffet dinner, a business meeting was held, and Miss Gertrude Deierlein of Eugene and Miss Vera Fredrickson of Roseburg were initiated. Guest for the evening was Miss Louise Fitch, former Dean of Women at Cornell University.

Miss Hazel Fishwood was hostess for the Christmas meeting. A buffet supper served in the basement recreation room was followed by initiation for Mrs. Gladys Douglas of Eugene and Miss Helen Olson of Cottage Grove. Mrs. Victor P. Morris, honorary state member, spoke on "The Teacher in the Future Economic Picture."

The meetings for the month of January were local. The Eugene members met at the home of Miss Beryl Deford for a seven o'clock dessert on January 29; Cottage Grove members, at the home of Miss Myrtle Kem; and Miss Amanda Nelson entertained the Roseburg group.

The plan for the February meeting includes a speaker from the University of Oregon faculty.

In March the chapter will hold a reception honoring Pi Lambda Theta members in Eugene, and the pioneer teachers of this area.

The April meeting will probably be held in Roseburg with those members in charge of the program.

The annual picnic will be held in May at Aulauf Camp—if transportation facilities permit—and a special speaker will be a guest.

Miss Minnie Kjelde has been affiliated with our chapter as a transfer from Gamma Theta Chapter of Texas.

JULIETTE C. GIBSON,
Publications Chairman.

Delta Chapter, Salem

AT the October meeting of Delta Chapter held at McMinnville, the resignation of Mrs. Beulah Thornton was regretfully accepted and Mrs. Grace Sehon, a state founder and first vice-president of Alpha Rho, was chosen to succeed her.

The 1944 budget was completed, a war activities program launched, and gratifying reports from the legislative committee noted.

Following the luncheon, Miss Alice Clemens of Linfield College, who has a

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background of musical study under many of the masters of Europe, gave a delightful organ recital.

On December 11th, Miss Emma Henkle, state president, was the honored guest at a formal banquet and initiation held in Salem.

The U-shaped table was centered by low bowls of cut poinsettias flanked by tall white tapers. A large decorated spruce tree stood at one end of the room.

Toasts and responses were made by Miss Emma Henkle, Mrs. Dena Johann, Mrs. Berniece Skeen, and Miss Mathilda Gilles. Mrs. Muriel Jernstedt sang a group of songs. Mrs. Grace Sehon presided.

Following the banquet Mrs. Agnes Booth presented the following impressive group of teachers for initiation. Mrs. Elsie Craig Bolt, Miss Neve Dallas, Miss Edna Mingus, and Miss Henrietta Wolfer of the College of Education; Miss Constance Fowler, head of the department of Art, Willamette University; Miss Joy Hills, curriculum supervisor of the State Department of Education; Mrs. Velma Pearson of McMinnville, and Mrs. Carmelite Widdle, rural supervisor of Marion County Schools.

Sincerely,
GRACE SEHON.

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Beta Chapter, Seattle

BETA'S newly elected president, Ethel M. Henson, Seattle Public School Music Supervisor, who succeeded Christine Hyslop, began her new duties at breakfast, last September, when members reported on summer war work. Special mention went to Millie Bethke, who won a cash prize for a practical suggestion used by authorities of a shipyard where she was employed, and to Mary Fullington, who assisted in preparing and arranging a Boeing Flying Fortress exhibit, at the Seattle Art Museum.

Reports revealed that Beta members are still contributing to the war effort by helping at the U. S. O., Canteens, Red Cross, Interceptor Boards, Naval and Army Hospitals, and Russian Relief, as well as by working during vacations in defense plants.

Seattle's new chapter, Omicron, organized by State Founders Bessie Bankhead, Lila Hunter, and Edna L. Sterling, all Betas, were initiated in October. Many Beta members attended, and several assisted in the initiation. The new chapter, with Beta, Nu, and Kappa Chapters, held a luncheon in November, when an interesting panel, "The Schools Prepare for Peace," was presented by Kappa Chapter.

Beta honored Omicron at a tea in December, and in January gave a tea for administrative women visitors in Seattle for the regional meeting of the Association of Superintendents.

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The February program featured a panel discussion: "What Are We Doing About Pupils' Out-of-School Problems?" Lt. (j. g.) Dora Leavitt was coordinator. The program planned for May will be a symposium on "The Human Side of Teaching" with Dora Craig as leader, and Mrs. Frankie Schmitz in charge.

Beta Chapter boasts three Waves: Lt. (j. g.) Dora Leavitt, now in charge of a Northwest Sea Frontier office in Seattle; Lt. (j. g.) Hazel Kenyon Marke, U.S.N.R., a Beta pledge initiated in Washington, D. C., now in the office of Radio Public Relations in the Capital; and Helen Kennedy Rude, who has been accepted for training at Smith College.

Honored by elections and promotions are Laura Brewitt, now president of the Seattle Classroom Teachers' Association; Helen Lommasson, new Seattle Grade Club president; and Frances Montague, newly appointed Supervisor of Writing in Seattle Public Schools.

Transfers to Beta from other chapters are Life Member Alma V. Armstrong from Omicron Chapter, Gunnison, Colorado; Mrs. Nellie Eglin from Theta Chapter, Yakima, Washington; Helen Hill, Iota, from Centralia, Washington; and Eleanor Sue Anderson, Zeta, Wenatchee, Washington.

(MISS) BERNICE DAHL,
Chairman of Publications
Committee.

Eta Chapter, Spokane County

ETA Chapter of Spokane County is continuing its monthly luncheon meetings. Despite the war emergency situations there have been a good attendance and increasing interest at each meeting. We regret the loss of two members who left for distant points: Miss Helen Mary Moore to New York and Mrs. Denise Murray to Huntington Park, California.

Recently the chapter initiated five new members, including Miss Ruth Shaefer, home economics, Fairfield; Mrs. Ed. Dennis, Opportunity Grade School; Mrs. Gladys Kincaid, remedial teacher, Cheney; Mrs. Hazel Laughbon, County superintendent, Davenport; and Mrs. Jane Morgan, Cheney.

"Women in Education" will be the subject of the February tea meeting with Mrs. Lucille Baump as hostess and Miss Elzora Gorman, program chairman.

The April meeting will feature a display of the Pioneer Woman by Nan Wiley and of the new scrap book by Linnea Soderstrom.

Theta Chapter, Yakima

THETA members are feeling the shortage of gasoline, for meetings mean rides or drives of 35 miles for some member. However, as is often the case, those who came the farthest are often the

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most prompt and regular. The good spirit and fellowship at the meetings warm us all, and make even 35 miles seem short.

The coming meeting on February 12, is looked forward to with pleasant anticipation. We are to have Robert Thurston's "Abraham Lincoln" delivered by him personally, and Stanley Lebens singing The Ballad of America.

Each member is making this a year of service and each member works in his own particular field—U. S. O., surgical dressing, knitting, ration board, bond sales, or blood bank. Records of time and service are kept by Sallie Walker, chairman of the War Service Committee.

Because of our nearness to the DuPont Construction at Hanford and Richland, the teachers of this locality have felt that this year they are giving national service instead of local service. The students in our classes range from Massachusetts to Florida, west to Louisiana and Missouri and on to Texas and the coast. Perplexities and problems never dreamt of arise constantly. Meeting these are no easy task and Yakima Delta Kappa Gammas prove daily their sterling worth and undaunting industry.

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Theta Chapter plans for six meetings this year—4 regular and 2 social. The social meetings include a breakfast for Delta Kappa Gamma members attending the Washington Education Association's Representative Assembly and a tea for Retired Teachers in March.

We welcome to our group this year two transfers from Montana, Miss Mildred Quasdorf from Lewiston, Montana, now teaching first grade at the Jefferson School; and Miss Helen Anderson from Miles City, Montana, now teaching in the Junior High School at Selah.

Sincerely,

VERNA EASTMAN,
President.

DELAWARE CHAPTER
Beta Chapter, Kent and Sussex Counties

BETA Chapter started the current year with a luncheon at the Sequoia Inn, Lewes, Delaware, on October 9. This was followed by an initiation and a business meeting. The following state officers honored the newly-formed chapter by their attendance: President, Miss Lela Lynam; Second Vice-President, Mrs.

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Thelma Gray; Treasurer, Mrs. Grace Moore; Recording Secretary, Miss Elva Warrington. Two representatives of Alpha Chapter were also present: Mrs. Marion Hart and Miss Elizabeth Jones. The state officers assisted with the initiation.

At the business meeting, plans were started for a meeting the latter part of February, when there will be another initiation. Some of our members have to travel a number of miles to attend the meetings, which makes it impossible, at present, to get together very often. Plans for the final meeting of the year include a picnic at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, early in June.

The officers of Beta Chapter are: President, Miss Anna E. Beebe; First Vice-President, Mrs. Gwendolyn Dunn; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Galen Miller; Recording Secretary, Miss Marion Burton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Loretta Paskey; Parliamentarian, Miss Elsie Massey; Treasurer, Miss Sally Winfrey.

We are looking forward to a larger chapter and greater accomplishments.

ANNA E. BEEBE,
President.

In Memoriam

Clara Wittig Moore
Omicron Chapter, Galveston
County, Texas

OMICRON Chapter records with deepest sorrow the passing of Clara Wittig Moore on January 6, 1944.

Clara Wittig Moore was born in Galveston, Texas, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Wittig. She received her education in the public schools of Galveston, later attending Sam Houston State Teachers College where she received the M. A. degree. She was a graduate of the Public School Music Department of New York University; she studied in the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts; also, she studied under distinguished teachers of music in this country. On two occasions she visited music centers and art galleries in Europe.

For more than twenty years Clara Wittig Moore was supervisor of music in the Galveston schools. She was untiring in her efforts to bring the best in music into the lives of the children of Galveston. The success of the student concerts of the Houston Symphony Orchestra was due largely to her efforts.

Clara Wittig Moore was the director of many oratorios, music festivals, and patriotic pageants in Galveston including "Elijah," "American Unity Through Music," the "Bicentennial Celebration of

Washington's Birthday," and "Texas Centennial Pageants." She also directed church choirs, and served as soloist in choirs.

Her efforts in music, education, and civic fields brought her many honors. These honors included membership on the state committee on text books and curriculum revision; and membership on the board of directors of the Fourth District Texas Federation of Music Clubs, of the Texas Federated Women's Clubs, and of the Civic Music Association. She was active in education associations, local, state, and national. Several honorary societies conferred membership upon her, including Pi Gamma Mu, Sigma Tau Delta, and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was an ex-president of the Wednesday Club, of the Galveston Music Club, and of the Ex-Students' Association of Sam Houston State Teachers College. At the time of her death she was president of Omicron Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma of Texas.

Truly Clara Wittig Moore lived life to its fullest. She found the inspiration for such living in her home, in her church, and in the confidence of her many friends. She loved her home and was devoted to her sisters and brothers who meant so much to her. She loved her church and gave to it generously of her time and talents.

She loved the children of Galveston;

in the classroom she greeted them with the same charm and graciousness of manner with which she greeted older audiences. Probably no music was more dear to her than the music of youthful voices responding so well to her careful training.

To Delta Kappa Gamma Clara Wittig Moore, our beloved president, gave her best. Her last message of love to us was a bowl of beautiful red roses, which graced the table at our initiation banquet in December.

We cherish many memories of Clara Wittig Moore. We recall her pleasant ways; we hear again her lovely voice; we remember her loving kindness. Perhaps the memory which means most to us is that of the light of faith that was in her eyes when last we talked with her. That memory lingers to comfort us and to inspire us to nobler living.

SUSIE SCHAPPER,
MARIE E. BUHMANN,
REBECCA B. HODSON.

What of Our Harvest?
Lilah D. Lindsey, Beta Chapter,
Oklahoma

LILAH D. LINDSEY died December 22, 1943, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

To the unthinking, Mrs. Lindsey might have seemed just a poor, old Indian woman, but the newswriters in ap-

praising this eighty-three year old woman of Creek, Cherokee, and Scottish descent, hailed her as "Tulsa's outstanding citizen through the sixty years in which the city changed from a village to a metropolis." Although once well-to-do, Mrs. Lindsey had lived for the past four years on a small pension and the kindly provision of friends.

The individual teacher sees her work in faith and in the hope that some day there may be a harvest. Without the work of Mrs. Ann Eliza Worcester Robertson, great missionary teacher in the Tullahassee Manual Training School for the Creeks, the lifelong leadership of Lilah D. Lindsey would have been impossible. She and a host of other educated Indian people owe their advancement to the sacrifices of the Christian missionaries who began coming to the Indian country about a hundred years ago. Mrs. Lindsey typifies the harvest of their teaching efforts.

For teachers in other states, who may not have opportunities to know of the cultural and civic contributions which educated Indians are making to our local and national life, a partial story of Mrs. Lindsey's public services is here related.

Mrs. Lindsey's earliest recollections were of the Civil War, when her family was driven from home, and her father killed and when four of her sisters died by the roadside from exhaustion. She was twelve when the Tullahassee (Presbyterian) Mission took her into its orphanage and school. She had a superior mind, and because she also had a grateful heart Mrs. Robertson became the ideal and pattern of her life.

Later Mrs. Lindsey studied at the Presbyterian Seminary at Fulton, Missouri, and at the Highland Institute at Hillsboro, Ohio, where she was graduated with honors in 1883 with the degree "Mistress of Liberal Arts." That spring she was appointed by the Presbyterian Home Missions Board of Schools, New York City, to teach in Wealaka Mission, Creek Nation. She came to Tulsa in 1886, to teach in the Presbyterian Mission, and she continued teaching even after the public schools were organized—in all, a teaching service of some twenty years.

After her retirement from the schoolroom, Mrs. Lindsey transferred her teaching skills and her zeal for improvement to her church and community life. She had marked skill as an executive and a parliamentarian. She became a great personality, notable for dignity, charm, and social poise. She organized the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the Indian Territory and became its president. She organized the Humane Society in 1911 and secured a matron for the city jail. She was prominent in the Law and Order League of the same period. For many years she worked, as a director, with the Children's Home, the Tulsa County Health Association, and, at one time, was vice-president of the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors

Congress. The Frances Willard Home for Girls was founded largely through Mrs. Lindsey's efforts, and she gave \$2,500 to set up the first public relief kitchen, now a part of the city welfare program.

Few people have been more appreciated and honored during their lifetime than Mrs. Lindsey. Although she was an active Republican, three Democratic Governors of Oklahoma delegated her to represent the state at important national conferences. During World War I, she was the only woman on the Tulsa County Council for Defense, serving as its secretary-treasurer in charge of women's organizations. Twice she served as president of the Women's Federated City Clubs. She was an adviser of the Tulsa Historical Society of Central High School, an honorary member of Beta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, and she was elected to the Oklahoma Memorial Rolls, sometimes called the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Because Mrs. Lindsey helped set the tone of the better element in Tulsa's village days, and because of her later activities, she was often referred to as "The Mother of Tulsa."

After the depression, when Mrs. Lindsey could no longer give to others, she philosophically readjusted her affairs and turned to property management. When asked if she didn't regret the fortune she had given away she answered, "No, I saw the good it did."

In her later days, affection was added to public respect. Her difficulties seemed to bring out the sweetness and fineness of Mrs. Lindsey's character; the club women of Tulsa, including Delta Kappa Gamma members, counted it a privilege to take turns watching at her bedside in the hospital, night and day, during her last two weeks. Among her many letters of sympathy was one from the mayor and another from her milk delivery boy.

Americanization has taken on new importance these days. We list with appreciation the gifts of immigrant peoples to our national culture. It is also in order that we reappraise the value of the Indian citizen. The fictional Indian, the Hollywood Indian, or the radio Indian with his gutteral gruntings, are not realities. True, Indian children still need education and the right kind of inspiration, but white boys and girls who have never seen them need also to know that Indians are no longer savages. For that, the story of Lilah D. Lindsey has educational meaning.

LOUISE MORSE WHITHAM,
For the Publicity Committee
of Beta Chapter, Oklahoma.

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Harriet K. Davis Eta Chapter, New Mexico

(The following beautiful expression of appreciation to the late Harriet K. Davis, emeritus instructor of speech, and dramatics coach in V. H. S., whose death in February was announced in the last issue of the V. H. S. News, is typical of the feelings of her many former students and associates. Mr. Gallegos, of the Class of 1922, sent this tribute from Mexico City, where he is associated with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

TO you belongs the success of many young men and women that otherwise would have been mediocre or even failures in life. You held the light that glowed upon English, literature, language, and people, and you taught us to follow the gleam and not the groove. You showed us the true American Way of Life, and you gave us a love of our great American heritage—life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and belief in justice for all. You helped, guided and encouraged timid souls to drive forward, to strike with courage and never flinch, to fight with a determination, to be an Edmund Burke, a Pitt, or a Patrick Henry.

You have left upon this earth an ember which has burst into flames, and it will light the way for many other timid souls to be guided in the paths of righteousness and knowledge. You have gone with the satisfaction that you have lived, fought, and won. I rejoice in knowing that I lived under your influence. I look into space over the city. I weep, cry, and realize that in you I have lost a precious and beloved friend.

JOHN GALLEGO,
Class of 1922.
Mexico City, Mexico.

Perle Collier Zeta Chapter, Shreveport, Louisiana

ZETA Chapter mourns the passing of Perle Collier, a beloved member, on Christmas Day, 1943. The end came peacefully in a Shreveport sanitarium after a long illness.

She was born near Campti, La., where she received her early education. She received the A. B. degree at Louisiana State Normal College, the M. A. degree at Louisiana State University and did graduate work at Tulane, the University of Arkansas, and Columbia. She was initiated into Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma November 16, 1940, at Monroe, La.

Miss Collier began her teaching career in Winn Parish. Having specialized in kindergarten and primary education she experienced many happy years as a kindergarten supervisor in Alexandria, La. Later she transferred her teaching activities to Caddo Parish. Previously to her last illness she was first grade teacher in the Parkview School of Shreveport.

Her principal paid this tribute to her, "She has taught me much, not only in the schoolroom, where she was a mar-

velous teacher, but by her life as well. She bore her burdens uncomplainingly. Her spiritual beauty tended to lift to a higher level all of those with whom she came in contact."

Miss Collier was a true Christian and gave liberally of her time and talents to church activities. Her final illness was borne with patience and courage. She will live on in the hearts and minds of those whom she inspired with her lofty ideas and helped with her sound counseling throughout her long years in the schoolroom.

MEVA ANDREWS,
INEZ L. FURNISS.

Agnes Lusk
Lambda Chapter, Illinois

MISS AGNES LUSK, the first honorary member of Lambda Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, Springfield, Illinois, passed away very peacefully at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. K. Goodall, Webster Groves, Missouri. On May 5, 1943, appropriate memorial services for her were held in Jacksonville, Illinois, where she had been a leading and beloved educator for fifty-eight years and where she lies buried, according to her request, because of her great love and loyalty for the city to which she had given her life of service.

Miss Lusk was born in Bloomington, Illinois, in 1862. She was graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1876 as valedictorian of her class. Through attendance at summer sessions in several universities and through correspondence and extension courses, she completed the equivalent of three years' college credits. During her fifty-eight years of service, she taught in the grades, and then in the high school, and finished her career as principal, retiring in May, 1939.

The teachers whom Miss Lusk supervised loved her for her inspiration, her kind and steady guidance, and her sincere interest in the personal happiness and professional welfare of each one of them. But she was more than a principal; she loved to teach and did so whenever the slightest occasion to do so arose. She wanted to be known to the children rather than feared by them; the majority of the citizens of Jacksonville are living witnesses that she succeeded in winning their confidence and in being a dynamic force in their progress toward a constructive and successful career. She loved best the remedial and special work, which she personally gave to the students that needed it, specializing in remedial reading. Always faithful to her two mottoes, "I dare to do right" and "The school and I exist for the child", she left a beautiful and lasting impression upon the community.

Miss Lusk felt that the day, January 16, 1943, when she was initiated into membership in Delta Kappa Gamma was a climax in her life and a hold upon her teaching service, which she loved so dearly that she clung to it in spirit

up to the last. Although not a writer of books nor a creative artist, she was a molder of those who have written and created. The community is richer culturally and spiritually for her long unselfish service there. Hers was the rich life of a great teacher and supervisor.

EMMA MAE LEONHARD.

Norma Newlin
Lambda Chapter, Springfield,
Illinois

ON November 10, 1943, occurred the death of Norma Newlin, who had been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for five years and who was chapter president from 1941 to 1943. At a chapter meeting a few days later, the following tribute was presented by Frances Chatburn of Lambda Chapter.

Seeking for a word which characterizes the life and activities of Norma Newlin, I have chosen thorough, for she was thorough in her profession, thorough in her friendships, thorough in her Christian life. In her chosen field as adviser to the young people of Feitshans High School, Norma was quietly efficient. No problem was too small, no incident too petty for her attention. Her office door was open to everyone and her advice was carefully considered, weighed, and tempered for each individual case. As a consequence, her judgment was sought and respected by all. In the capacity of English instructor, she had served with her customary efficiency on text book and curriculum committees.

Norma's activities in Delta Kappa Gamma were indicative of her ever-widening friendships. Only a few days after her initiation she made her first trip to a joint meeting, and from that time on there was never a local, a district, or a state meeting which she did not attend unless family ties kept her at home. She loved people. She loved to be with them, to talk to old friends and to those not so well known to her, and to make new contacts and new friends. She was a good conversationalist and inspired people to talk to her by her interest in them. To her friends of longer time much of her charm was in the light which flashed in her eyes and the smile with which she made them feel that they were absolutely essential to her happiness. Friends meant much to Norma and she was at all times a friend to be prized.

In her religion Norma was unstentious. Doubtless many of you did not even know with what church she was affiliated until you read the recent notices. But her activities there, too, were legion. She occupied an enviable place as a leader of young people and as a worker among the young women of her own group. Her life was stabilized by the beautiful Christian spirit permeating her nature.

These three, her profession, her friendships, and her church were so closely

entwined that each reached into another with effectiveness and harmony. The children in the school knew her as a friend who brought them comfort and light; her friends recognized her ability by giving her places of responsibility and honor; and her church profited by her professional integrity and wholesomeness.

Words of mine can never express what the children themselves revealed of Norma Newlin as she lay in her last rest: the girl who knelt by her side for a few moments; the boy who crossed himself quickly as he said a little prayer; another who looked at me with tears brimming and said, "I'll miss her so. She helped me so much". These are the perfect tributes. Surely the Lord said to her, "Welcome, thou good and faithful servant."

A Tribute to the Late Sallie Ann Waldran

By the Epsilon Chapter of Tennessee

SUNDAY, September 12, 1943, Sallie Ann Waldran entered her eternal home. The Memphis Schools have lost an excellent teacher and a loyal friend.

"We know she has gone where her forehead is starred
With the beauty that dwelt in her soul,
To a land where her loveliness can not be marred,
Nor her soul be flung back from its goal."

Miss Waldran, daughter of Cook and Estelle Waldran of Memphis, Tennessee, was born in Horn Lake, Mississippi. She received her degree from Siena College, after finishing Memphis High School and the Colorado State Normal. From 1902 to 1930 her outstanding ability as a primary teacher paid large dividends to Memphis and Shelby County. Then for twelve years she served as principal of the unique Lion's Open Air School, building healthier minds in healthier bodies; endearing herself to students and faculty; winning the appreciation of the entire city of Memphis. In June, 1943, she was given the principalship of Maury School. Before this new relationship could crystallize it was dissolved by a Higher Board.

Miss Waldran was a member of the Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Columbine Book Club, and Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

God's touch can make of human clay
a lovely thing
Just as a golden filigree adorns a
clear glass vase,
Showing enough of glass to tell the
world 'tis human,
Enough of gold to prove that in that
life God had His way.

Such a combination of the human and the Divine was Sallie Ann Waldran.

ALICE B. WOODS.

**Elizabeth Mary Madden
Zeta Chapter, St. Paul, Minnesota**

MEMBERS of Zeta Chapter were grieved to learn on June 20, 1943, that Elizabeth Madden had passed away. She had been initiated into the chapter during the State meeting in November. Although our association with her in Delta Kappa Gamma covered only six months, we had learned to value her many fine qualities and to appreciate her ready response to any call for service.

Elizabeth Madden had been a primary teacher in the public schools of St. Paul for twenty years. During that time she had made many lasting friends among teachers, parents, and children. Ever anxious to improve, she earned her bachelor's and Master's degrees while teaching and in summer school work. She was active in many professional organizations—the Alumnae Club of the University of Minnesota, the St. Paul English Teachers' Club, the St. Paul Teachers' Federation, Parent-Teacher Association, the St. Paul Division of the Minnesota Education Association, the Masters' Club, and the Association for Childhood Education. She had held offices and worked on important committees in all of these organizations, and was president of the last named at the time of her death.

Elizabeth Madden's influence will live on in the memories of all who were privileged to be her pupils and associates.

BERTHA DOSDALL.

**Laura E. Stein
Mu Chapter, Riverside, California**

IT is with sadness that we report to you the loss of Laura E. Stein, charter member of Mu Chapter, Riverside, California, who passed away at her home in San Diego on June 11, 1943.

Laura Stein was a native of Michigan. She received her teacher training at Kalamazoo and did post graduate study at Columbia University.

After teaching in Michigan and Iowa, she came to California in 1926 and was a leader in educational circles in River-

side County for sixteen years. She made great contribution to her community by her interest in World Friendship.

She brought happiness to all who met her. She was an inspired teacher.

We will not sorrow—she would not have it so.

We smile and with brave hearts heed well her creed;

"Patience—they will return to what you teach.

"Kindness—this may be all of it that they have known.

"Seek the why of all their naughtiness, "Perhaps 'tis by this 'why' they can be shown.

"Plant deep within them seeds for their self-discipline.

"Build pride in what they say and do and are.

"Teach honor, loyalty, faith and love—no end."

Ah—not only we who loved her so But all the world of Youth has lost a friend.

GLADYS BARRIER.

**Edna Irene Gray
Alpha Nu Chapter, California**

MRS. EDNA IRENE GRAY, a charter member and present secretary-treasurer of Alpha Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma of Butte County, California, passed away a few days before Christmas. Her loss is felt keenly by the members of Alpha Nu. She spent the most of her life in Chico and graduated from the Chico State College. She later took vocal training in other colleges and in the University of California, obtaining a special music credential. She was Supervisor of Music in the Chico Elementary Schools for many years and was acting as a special music teacher for several schools at the time of her death.

Mrs. Gray was faithful and conscientious in the performance of her duties and ever interested in the progress of her pupils. She had a cheerful disposition and having taught some classes in music the day before Christmas vacation started, she wished her associates

a Merry Christmas and waved blithely to friends on her way home. Ten minutes after arriving, she was stricken and died a few hours later.

Her charming personality won for her many friends and we know that the world is a better place because she has lived.

ELLA C. SAPP.



**Lettie J. Poe
Beta Chapter, Ashland, Ohio**

MISS LETTIE J. POE, a charter member and the only honorary member of Beta Chapter passed on to life eternal on January 18, 1943.

She was born in Galion, Ohio, September 4, 1858, the daughter of Captain Andrew and Jennie Poe. Her paternal grandfather, the Reverend Adam Poe who had a leading part in establishing Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware came of the same family as the celebrated Indian fighters of Wyandot fame.

Miss Poe received her A. B. and A. M. degrees from the University of Michigan. In 1881 she came to Ashland and began

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her teaching in the high school of which she was assistant principal at one time. She was an able teacher of mathematics until her retirement in 1923 and in the years following, until a year before death, tutored a great number of young people.

Her interests in life were numerous in the school room, in the church, and in her social activities. However, her greatest interest was the boys and girls who were her pupils, she aided them long after graduation from high school. Her concern in her pupils was apparent long before personal guidance was used in the field of education.

Her cheerfulness, her kindly spirit and helpfulness and her keen sense of humor will ever be remembered.

She found great pleasure and enjoyment in Delta Kappa Gamma and her associations there where she renewed her youth.

Her passing is greatly mourned.

Pi Chapter, Alabama

THE membership of Pi Chapter is selected from three teaching groups, the Lee County Schools, Opelika City Schools, and Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Because of the war emergency we have decreased the number of meetings and intensified the program for 1943-44. Our theme for spring study will be Russian Women.

We wish to recognize especially our honorary members, who are always ready to take part in our activities. In the fall they helped us entertain at a buffet supper for visiting Delta Kappa Gamma members, who were attending a State Home Economics Conference in Auburn. They were hostesses at the Chapter Christmas meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Duncan, wife of the president of Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

We had an initiation in November and shall be able to hold another in the spring. We were represented at the Beta State Convention by our new president, Mrs. Dorothy Dean Arnold and Mrs. Herman Jones.

Under the able leadership of Mrs. Arnold we are sponsoring individual and chapter patriotic service and the purchase of War Bonds.

ELIZABETH L. BRADLEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

NOTE: The editor apologizes for the misplacement of this chapter. This was due to an accidental omission in the printing office which was discovered too late to rectify the error.

We all have our war troubles; don't imagine that YOUR situation is exceptional. Now is a good time to hold up our heads.

The Constitution Means YOU

The Executive Secretary of the National Organization appears to be a sort of residual officer who goes on from one administration to another, and who is useful to members, from the President to the young initiate, when they desire to ask questions and don't know who knows the answers. Usually, if she knows the answers it is through long experience with our principles, customs and ways.

Yet even your present secretary, who has known our sorority from its earliest inception, is, at times, surprised at the conception of the Constitution which she finds in the minds of many members. It is the notion that, if I suddenly realize that some provision of the Constitution binds and hampers me in what I wish to do or have done, of course, I can have it changed. If those who made the Constitution had notions different from mine, they did not intend them to be binding upon people like me.

The finality of the printed word seems to have made but little impression upon such members. The Constitution was not casually put together. There was nothing haphazard in its provisions, and the Founders of the organization showed that they meant them to be universally applicable, by requiring all members, during initiation, to sign an endorsement of the Constitution in which they promise to abide by its provisions. Is there anything uncertain in this?

You were invited to join Delta Kappa Gamma. You had a Circular of Information. You were not compelled to accept. You were given a Constitution. You were told to read it carefully before initiation. No one said to you, "Read that over and if you find anything you don't like, we'll change it to suit you, later on." The present Secretary has probably initiated more members into Delta Kappa Gamma than has any one other person. She has always said to inquiries as to how binding the Constitution might be, "It is absolutely obligatory upon all members; if you cannot agree to it, you'd better not join."

What did you mean, then when you took the solemn vows of initiation and signed the Constitution of our order?

You ask of me such questions as these: "It does not suit us to hold four meetings this year. Is it all right for my chapter to limit its meetings to three?"

"My state does not wish to form chapters. We have decided to postpone indefinitely the formation of chapters. Is that all right?"

"It takes too much time and trouble to submit our membership list to the Membership Committee; is it all right just to go ahead and hold the election of new members without doing that?"

"Our Board does not see any sense in holding a formal board meeting before a convention. We have so little time."

"Neither May nor September suits

our chapter for the election of officers; so we decided to hold it in April."

"Our treasurer says there's no use in our state's spending money on a bond for her; she's not going to steal our money. So we've just decided to save that. It this all right?"

"We don't wish to name our scholarship for any one, so we're going to call it Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship. Can't we do as we please about our own scholarship?"

And so on — and on — .

The point seems to be, not what is best for the whole organization? but a general disinclination to conform to what is set up for all. It is to laugh, when we remember that there are those who object to our requiring the use of a solemn oath in initiation. It seems to the secretary that if there is anything more binding than what we are now using, it should be incorporated into our ritual. This idea that the Constitution may lightly be ignored if its provisions do not suit this or that person or this or that group, is utterly unaccountable. The Constitution gives only to the President the authority, in times of great emergency, to make rulings which may temporarily set aside its provisions. And we have a president who would make such rulings only if convinced that some great emergency exists.

It would be impossible to make a Constitution which would suit all of our nearly 20,000 members and nearly 600 chapters. Each one of you should remember that the Constitution means you.

You Are Always in a Hurry

Perhaps, the war has had its influence in the high pressure under which most of us have learned to live and work. We must have everything at once. We wish to get through by a certain time, whether any real need for haste exists or not. We push everyone whose work impinges upon ours, because we must not be delayed.

The Executive Secretary has been trying to meet the needs of about 700 officers under such conditions of constant pressure. She has seen the health of other National and State officers give way under the strain of constant and often unnecessary pressure.

She is supposed to give half of her time to Delta Kappa Gamma work. The other half belongs to the University of Texas. There she has classes to meet, work to prepare, reports to make—work which must be ready promptly at regular times. The Secretary can hold two jobs, do justice to each, and maintain health and a serene attitude only if she does not succumb to a constant temptation to hurry, induced by those with whom she deals. Her secretary asks, "When are we going to catch up?" She answer is, "We never catch up until summer;

don't expect to catch up and the situation won't wear on you."

The boy who wraps packages says, "You told me to fill each day's orders the day they come; but we are four days behind now." The reply is "Don't let it get you nervous. Take the orders in the order in which they reached you. If there seems a special urgency about any, give it precedence. We'll get another boy to help if we can, but where will he work? There's no room for another table."

You write, "I haven't received the bill for my last order," or "Why don't you reply to my letter of last week?" The secretary laughs. She sent at once the President's pin, the Scholarship application, the key permits, you wanted. But some things have to wait. The Bulletin can't wait. Your contributions must be corrected and assorted, and the magazine sent to the printers, as nearly on time as possible. The Chinese puzzle of last-minute contributions from all parts of the United States, must be solved into an orderly arrangement, following certain plans. The letters and the bills usually just have to wait. Eventually they are finished, but never promptly. The secretary never tears her hair over them. But she finishes all in the course of time, although she "never catches up," until summer brings fewer demands. The secretary will serve in her present position till October 1, 1945. Then her present contract expires, and she will calmly withdraw herself to other pursuits and a little more rest. In the meantime couldn't you be in a little less hurry about everything you want? Couldn't you understand that we are too large for every one to get her desires at once. There is plenty of time. Let's use it in such a way as to keep nerve force and strength. If we use thought and system we don't have to work under high pressure. To do this, it is necessary for all to read instructions and follow them. Whenever you cause the Secretary to write an unnecessary letter to explain something to you that is plainly printed on the order blank, in the Handbook, in the circular letters, or in the Constitution, you add to the burden of constant nerve strain and work.

The Bulletin's Need for Good Poetry

The Editor of the Bulletin now has on hand a large number of poems not suitable for publication. The authors of these poems have shown in the past that they can write acceptable verse. The Editor is hoping that all our poets will soon send verses that can be used. What is wrong with these on hand that have not been used?

In some cases, the subject is too sad or terrible.

Some are exactly like others which the same writers have sent before.

Some are trite or commonplace in treatment.

Some are flippant to an extreme.

Some are parodies on oft-used poems.

Some contain absurd or ridiculous expressions.

Some utterly lack meter, or use forced meter, to the point of absurdity.

Some are good in some points but ridiculous in others. This is often true of verse written for special occasions.

Writers often survive easily the rejection of prose, yet are deeply wounded if poetry is not accepted. We can't all write poetry.

Yet many of our members write lovely poems that delight the fancy and please the ear; some write that rarest type which show a genuine sense of humor.

Please send your latest best of these types. They will be gratefully received, and used.

Freedom and Discipline

No more interesting treatment of a professional subject has come to my attention recently than the article "Freedom and Discipline," by W. H. Cowley in the January, 1944, number of *The Educational Record*. Since this publication may not be easily accessible to many of our readers, I shall attempt to give a brief digest of the article.

In his introductory statements the author says that it is generally agreed that the present war will force a change upon education. He says that the question of change should be considered in the light of four century-old questions—all of which center more or less around the relation of freedom to discipline—"To come to grips with the relationship of freedom and discipline educators must appraise four underlying and conflicting theories." Cowley then proceeds to list these theories—the natural depravity theory, the theory of formal discipline, the theory of paed centrism or child centered school, and the organism holistic theory. He reviews each one of these carefully, quoting freely from the writers of each school of thought, and draws some very sound and practical conclusions from this review. The following points which he makes are well worth the careful consideration of all teachers:

Progressive education which has attempted the enthronement of educational freedom for children cannot longer be justified since "the long-time interests of the race must be protected against the devastations of rampant children." Closely related to this theory of the freedom of children is the freedom of choice in selecting courses in college. The writer points out that this practice has not proved to be desirable because "Freedom must always be checked by discipline." If the purpose of higher education is to keep democracy going in America the limited by a discipline which gives first freedom of course-selection must be

limited by a discipline which gives first place to education for enlightened citizenry.

Discipline must always be related to purpose; therefore, it becomes the duty of the teacher to lead pupils to choose high purposes. "It also requires inspired teaching bearing directly upon harmonizing the purposes of students with the best interests of society.

"In a word, freedom is possible only in terms of discipline: the discipline of the purpose, of the whole self in the interest of the whole of society."

CORDELIA CAMP,
Cullowhee, North Carolina.

Delta Kappa Gamma's Most Serious Problem

To any one who will glance over a few back volumes of the Bulletin, that faithful periodical which, through the years, mirrors our persistent failings, it is apparent that one problem was ours in the beginning, has persisted through the years, and is still with us, though we are now approaching the adult stage as organizations grow and develop.

This is the problem of how to get and maintain correct addresses for our very large and itinerant and migrant membership. Teachers don't stay put. The inability to solve this problem costs us hundreds of dollars every year, wears out the patience and the nerves of devoted presidents, and takes time and effort in the Headquarters office, which could better be devoted to other undertakings.

Is ours the only publication that suffers from this difficulty? No, they all are victims. But those belonging to organizations having a membership spreading over the whole nation, suffer most, as the members are harder to reach.

Some people have the naive idea that when they send the right address, everything is finished, and the Bulletin should come next day. But, first, the old plate must be found and removed. Then the new address must be listed and sent to the company that makes the plates. When the new plate is sent, the chapter and state must be added, and the plate filed in the right place. This usually requires a period of from three to six weeks.

When members move with no forwarding address, and no notice to Delta Kappa Gamma, the Bulletin goes to the member's former address and is lost. If it is returned by the postoffice, as is occasionally the case, it is never in a condition to be used again.

The postoffice sends a card for each lost member, and for these we have to pay, whether they give us the correct addresses or not.

Usually it is the individual member with an insufficient sense of responsibility who causes this problem. Sometimes,

it is a neglectful chapter or state president, but these are more rarely at fault.

Because we are an organization of capable, intelligent teachers, who can put a stop to anything we choose, let's put an end to the irresponsibility that hampers each year's work. We can do this by constant drill.

(1) Let the Executive Secretary fix a permanent form in which she wants the new lists each fall.

(2) Let the Presidents understand that a new, correct chapter list must be sent by October 1, each year.

(3) Let each chapter and each state teach each member that her first duty after she is settled in the fall, if a chapter member, is to notify her chapter president of her new address, and if a state member, to notify her state president of her new address.

(4) Make this a subject of drill at each meeting for the next five years.

(5) Make it the duty of each retiring president to teach each new president her duty as to the fall address-lists.

(6) Teach each member that, whenever she changes her address she must at once send both the old and the new address to her own chapter and state president and to the Editor of the Bulletin. Make this a subject of drill at each meeting.

(7) Teach each member that, before she leaves for a summer vacation, she must make arrangements to have her last number of the Bulletin forwarded if it does not arrive before she leaves.

(8) In one year we could train our whole membership to be address-conscious, and we would quit wasting time and money in this way. Why not go at the task, and stop waste?

At the present time, one-third of the chapter presidents have not yet sent the lists of correct addresses of members which they were requested to send in September. Can't we train them to perform this simple duty promptly, each year, as a matter of habit?

SCHOLARSHIP NOTE Epsilon State (Louisiana)

The foundation for the May A. Allen Summer-School Scholarship at Tulane University has now been increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

The Tragedy of Juvenile Delinquency; Shall We Punish or Prevent?

An interesting little book, first printed in 1819, "The Moral Instructor" by Dr. Torrey, opens with these words:

"If the community would appropriate as much wealth to the instruction of the rising generation, as is now devoted to the punishment of crime and vice, the desired object would be obtained and misery averted to a much greater degree."

What would the good doctor think if

he could know that a century and a quarter after he gave to the public the findings of his sixteen years of thoughtful study, that our crime costs are over \$15,000,000,000 annually in the United States, as reported to the National Fifty Years in Business Club, by J. Edgar Hoover, May 20, 1939, at Nashville, Tennessee. Again on April 23, 1943, in the March of Time broadcast, Mr. Hoover said:

"Last year young people under 21 accounted for 15% of all arrests for murder, 50% of all arrests for burglary, and 34% of all arrests for robbery and larceny." Also that

"Last year, arrests of girls under 21 increased 55%. In the first three months of 1943 arrests of girls under 21, for crimes against decency increased 93%.

"Eighteen-year-olds led in the number arrested last year."

"As a nation we have failed to realize the seriousness of the increase in youthful crime since the outbreak of the war" said Mr. Hoover. Here is a problem approaching a national scandal. Why, we should ask, does such a condition exist?"

Suggesting answers to his own question, he lists—

The disturbed condition of many homes, due to the war emergency,

Children left without proper care,

Independent earnings by children which give them too much money to spend, encouraging thrills and excitement. He says further—

"Law enforcement is under-staffed. Juvenile courts and probation officers are overworked. The constructive programs of youth-serving agencies are not adequately supported."

"The time has come when all Americans must lend their hands in preserving the home front. Our youths must be reared in the atmosphere of wholesomeness and their leisure time must be put to some constructive use. The mothers and fathers and all adults must share the responsibility for the present rise in youthful crimes. Each must do his bit to prevent further increases and lend every aid to the rehabilitation of those who have strayed from the American way of law and order."

An old phrase runs, "One former is worth many re-formers." We must, without question, do all we can to reclaim these unfortunate children, who have lost their way on life's journey. But our best efforts will count for little if we allow the now innocent toddlers to follow in the footsteps of these wanderers. We must find the places where the wrong road branches off and see to it that these young and innocent children are guided in the right direction.

Whenever we discuss what can be done in a philanthropic matter one great question always raises its ghastly head and shouts, "Where's the money coming from?"

Why not make this job pay for itself by reducing crime costs? We have never tried what could be done with half of

\$15,000,000,000 spent in training for decent living.

Out of curiosity on this point the writer sought statistics on the total expenditure for public schools by all the states. The latest figures available put our investment in public schools at \$2,222,884,661.00 for the year 1938. Roughly, this is only one seventh of our crime bill. Shall we punish or prevent? Are your children worth saving?

In the July Atlantic Monthly, Judge Kelley of the Tennessee Juvenile Court, states, "We spend about thirteen times as much to control crime as we spend on education. Adequate appropriations for education, rehabilitation and recreation would reverse these figures."

We are hoping for a better world when peace comes and the United Nations lead the way to democratic living. If our neighbors discover our crime record will they trust our leadership?

What are some of the things we could do to stem this tide if we had adequate funds?

To begin with, there could be nursery schools for the toddlers. What and why is a Nursery School?

In the first place, it is NOT just a place where a busy or lazy mother can park her child while she does something else.

The old Day Nursery was established for the purpose of caring for young children of mothers who must work outside the home. It was usually presided over by a kind-hearted old lady who looked after the physical needs of her charges, kept them playing peacefully together if possible, and served their small lunch. She had no other responsibility.

During World War I, when the need for women workers in munition plants increased the need for care of their children, the Minister of Education in England appointed a trained psychologist and teacher to have charge of day nurseries. As soon as she grasped the possibilities of her job she suggested modifications in the methods in use. Here were little children, in their early formative period, all day in the care of the state. Why not provide teachers instead of caretakers? Why not begin early to guide the formation of their habits as is done in good homes by wise parents?

The Minister of Education was willing to try out the plan. It worked. In due time Day Nurseries became Nursery Schools under the tuition of trained teachers who give expert attention to the habits which make character in later years, and England now considers them an essential part of her educational system.

We would emphasize the point that the success of the Nursery School depends upon the training of the teacher. Someone expressed regret that babies did not come into the world labeled with "Directions for Use". Unfortunately, just being a human mother does not guarantee wisdom in the care of children.

Modern small families increase the need for companionship with other children in order to learn unselfish cooperation through "taking turns" and other incidentals of happy play. Habits formed in the first six years often become character traits that are modified with difficulty, therefore the importance of the nursery school and the kindergarten.

In the Governor's reception room in Missouri's State Capitol there is a portrait of Susan Blow, daughter of St. Louis, student of Froebel, and leader in the organization of kindergartens in many parts of the United States. But Missouri's Constitution limits the expenditure of State School Funds to the ages between six and twenty. Therefore Missouri children may not have kindergarten training unless special provision beyond State funds can be arranged.

In addition to the advantage in orientation, especially to children of foreign parentage, studies have been made which prove that retardation is decreased when all pupils have kindergarten experience. This saving of time for the pupil is also a saving of money for the taxpayer.

Not all the increases in delinquency can be charged against parental neglect, or poor school facilities, or even the war, though all contribute. The modern inventions of our mechanized world have created conditions which call for new treatment. Those of us who are old enough to have shared in the chores which were essential to family comfort know that they were excellent discipline in our formative years. Because of them we grew up in an atmosphere of responsibility and accepted our share, even if at times, grudgingly. There was a push of necessity that prodded us and tended to stimulate pride in a duty well done.

For the majority of present day children there is no push of necessity. There are no chips to be gathered or wood boxes to be filled. We turn a lever and the gas stove lights itself. We turn a faucet and water comes, generally hot or cold as preferred. The old activities are gone. Life has become passive, not only in work but in entertainment. We sit and look at the movie. We sit and listen to the radio. Growing youth demands activity. If we do not provide interesting occupations he will seek them and "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do."

This war has discovered for us the value of vocational training. Education is more than just knowing. It is knowing for the sake of doing. Commentators on war production glorify the "know how" of American industry. It is not enough to study about industry. Nothing takes the place or yields the discipline of personal, practical experience. There is no prouder moment than when one says, "I made it all by myself."

Since modern inventions have in so large measure removed the "push of necessity" which came through essential

chores, we must find an equally forceful incentive to attract present day youth. Perhaps this can come through the "pull of interest" in activities which appeal because they serve a real purpose in everyday life. It can come through activities which appeal to the creative impulse. It can come through a sense of personal responsibility in contributions to essential community welfare. Nothing is worse than—"It makes no difference what I do—Nobody cares."

At the very least, we must balance accounts with our crime costs. Where shall we begin?

We have scarcely scratched the surface of the possibilities of dramatics to meet the yearning for thrills stimulated by movies and Hollywood glamor. The whole field of music has also possibilities yet scarcely tested. The 4-H Clubs, the Scouts, Camp Fire, and similar groups are making a grand contribution in limited areas. Why not carry them further? Why not a Child Accounting System that keeps track of every child and discovers his first steps off the upward road?

Most cities have some classes in manual activities and a few have definite arrangements on the Antioch plan by which two pupils are prepared and take turns in working half time in some industry and half time in school classes, the courses being arranged to supplement each other. This plan brings excellent results.

The art crafts offer an unlimited field of such infinite variety of appeal that rarely does a child fail to become interested when given proper guidance.

The whole field of home economics ties up with everyday comfort. There is no lack of ways to meet this situation but there is a lazy disregard for its importance.

The rural child frequently receives the least schooling under the least experienced teachers, but having the practical experience of responsibility for farm labor is not so easy a prey to the lures of criminal thrills.

We need school and home practices which FORM children's habits of right behavior. Then re-form schools will be unnecessary.

A government of the people, by the people, and for the people, can rise no higher than the mental and moral level of its citizens. If its leadership falls into the hands of the unscrupulous it will soon become an oligarchy. What the home cannot do in the education of its future citizens the school must do. No other course is safe.

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Now is the time for spring poets to let their budding talent bud. Do be joyous.

An Official Transfer Is Necessary

The editor knows of instances in several states in which chapters have added to their membership list, members from other chapters without the formality of an official transfer. This seems to be done on the ground that they are members, anyway, and this procedure saves trouble.

Delta Kappa Gamma has set up an orderly plan of transferring members. By this plan, when a member is transferred, the state presidents and the chapter presidents concerned, are notified where the member has gone. She is honorably dropped from one set of lists and officially added to another.

It is not improper for a chapter to invite a member to attend its meetings while waiting for a transfer, but it is a violation of the Constitution to add a member to its list before an official transfer is received. A member who permits her name to be placed upon a chapter list before she is officially transferred, may have some trouble, in consequence of such action.

A member who desires a transfer from one chapter in her state to another chapter in the same state, should apply to her own state president for the transfer. The president may designate the state executive secretary, if any, to make transfers.

A member who desires a transfer from her chapter to another chapter in a different state should write to the National Executive Secretary for a transfer. Her address is Miss Annie Webb Blanton, 1909 Cliff St., Austin, Texas.

A member does not need an invitation to transfer to a chapter in the territory to which she has moved.

In applying for a transfer a member should give her present street address, her past street address, the name and state of the chapter to which she belongs and the name and state of the chapter to which she wishes to be transferred.

The applicant must enclose her membership card or her receipt for her fees and dues, to show that she is in good standing with her own chapter. It is not sufficient to state that the fees and dues have been paid. This evidence must be offered.

Chapter presidents have no authority to transfer members. Consult the Constitution and the Handbook.

Sometimes five or six letters must be exchanged before the necessary information can be secured; yet it is very simple. Some members are transferred on the day that the application is received; others take six months or a year, to send in the required information.

No member should expect the state or national officer making the transfer, to collect the information for her. She must do this work for herself.



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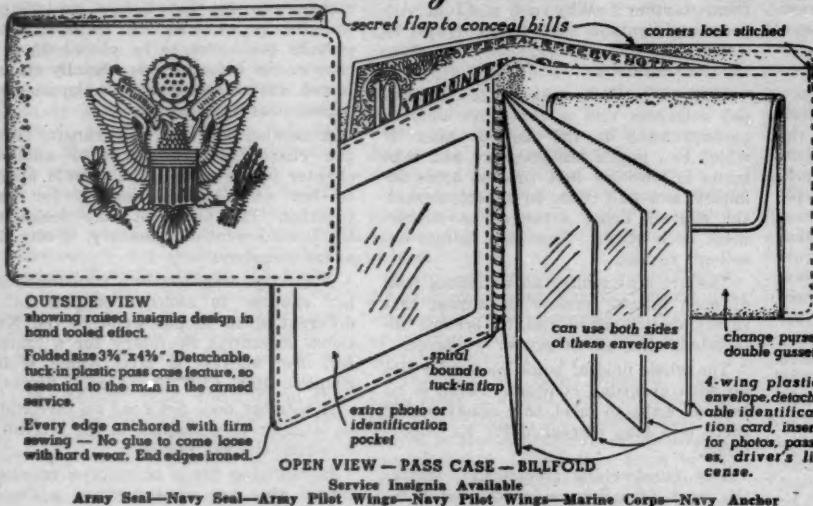
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